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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

January 18. Second Sunday after Epiphany.

"Salvation"--a very important word in the life of the church and a Christian. Like every other great Christian theme, there is much more to it than meets the eye. Dr. Irvine will preach on the subject "Being Saved: Simple or Complex?" Read Acts 16:11-40. Hymns include "With Songs and Honors Sounding Loud"; our Hymn of the Month for Epiphany, "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"; and "Just As I Am."

January 25. Third Sunday after Epiphany.

Like the theme of salvation, the theme of "Hope" is also appropriate to the season of Epiphany, which explores Christ as the Light of the World. Our pastor will preach on "The Stairway to Hope," from Romans 5:1-5. Hymns will include "All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name," "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," and "Lord of All Hopefulness" (to that wonderful Irish tune Slane, to which we also sing "Be Thou My Vision").

February 1. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

The Light of the World, Jesus, chooses to bring that light through a very human agency: the Church. Dr. Irvine's sermon will be entitled "Church, Who Are You, Really?" Read I Peter 2:4-10. Hymns will include "When Morning Gilds the Skies," "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," and "The Church's One Foundation."

(Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will be in Richmond February 2-5 attending the Sprunt Lecture series at Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Irvine's theological alma mater. Dr. Walter Brueggemann, who spoke here during the Southern Conference Annual Meeting last June, will be the principal lecturer.)

LOOKING STILL FARTHER AHEAD:

February 8th is Boy Scout Sunday, and our Cub Pack will form a choir for the occasion. Dr. Ten Eyck has already begun rehearsing the group for this occasion!

February 15th will be a red-letter Sunday; Millard Fuller, founder and Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity will be our guest preacher at morning worship. He will also speak at 2:30 that afternoon in a mass meeting in our sanctuary.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION THIS SUNDAY

At 5:30 on the afternoon of Sunday, January 18, our congregation will gather in our Parish House for its first Annual Meeting there since the redecoration was completed. The meeting will be preceded by a covered-dish supper. Outgoing Moderator George Troxler will preside, and then pass the office on to his successor, Wally Snyder. Annual Reports will be available after worship that same morning in the Narthex; please take one home and look it over before the Annual Meeting, when there will be time for questions and any other concerns members of the congregation may have. Or you may pick up your copy in the church office earlier, if you wish.

INQUIRERS' CLASS DURING FEBRUARY

An Inquirer's Class for those interested in exploring church membership, or in a basic refresher course in Christian beliefs, will meet in the church library during the Sunday mornings in February at 9:45. Anyone is welcome.

BAPTISMS IN NEAR FUTURE

Our congregation has been blessed with several new arrivals over the last few months. If you are interested in having your baby baptized, please contact the pastor concerning an appropriate date.

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FUN CLUB NEWS

The Fun Club will meet at the Parish House on Tuesday morning, January 20, at 10:30 a.m. Mary Fabian is planning the program. She wants it to be A Day for Show and Tell. Everyone is asked to bring something from your home that you think is interesting and you would like to show and tell the group about. Mary will start with her special treasures and then we'll all have a chance to participate.

Bring a sandwich. A drink and dessert will be provided. We'll eat at noon. And let me promise you something - you'll be glad if you come. It will make you feel better all week. Anyone knows that sharing a laugh, a story, an idea, and a hug is good for your health. So you all come!

Mary Kimball, President

KINDLING THOUGHTS

For some reason, Sir Winston Churchill was invited to address--of all incongruous audiences--the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Great Britain. After a fulsome introduction by the President of the WCTU, recounting his notable achievements as First Lord of the Admiralty, Prime Minister, etc., this worthy woman's tortured conscience forced her to conclude by saying, "But I must confess that Sir Winston, thus far in his otherwise commendable life, is reputed to have consumed enough strong drink to fill this auditorium up to the eye level of this audience!" Whereupon, Sir Winston mounted the podium, paused, slowly lifted the focus of his vision from the eye level of the audience all the way up to the ceiling, and said dolefully, "So much to do in so little time!"

That's the way we feel in the office during the post-Christmas rush of Annual Reports, helping new Boards get off to a good start, planning for winter and spring seasons with the staff, plus all the usual "et ceteras" that go on with a mind of their own all the time.

January. Time to think about time. Herewith a few of my favorite sayings on the subject to spark our reflection:

"Time, obviously, is relative. Two weeks on a vacation is not the same as two weeks on a diet."

"It is true enough that we try to save time--then we don't know what we should do with it, so we kill it."

-Erich Fromm.

"You cannot kill time without injuring eternity."

-Thoreau

"It comforts me to hear the hours strike, for I feel that I have drawn a little nearer to God." - St. Teresa of Avila

I have only just a minute,
Only 60 seconds in it,
Didn't seek it,
Didn't choose it,
Forced upon it,
Can't refuse it.
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it;
So -- it's up to me to use it;
Just a tiny little minute,
But all eternity is in it."

- Anonymous

"The years teach much which the days never know."

BOARD ELECTIONS

All four Boards of the church have elected their 1987 officers and chosen their representatives to the Church Council. These are as follows:

Board of Deacons

Mona Atkinson
Robin Woody
Paul Cheek

Board of Christian Education

Patricia Woody
Al Carpenter
Janet Mayse

Board of Trustees

Marsh McLelland
Jim Lyon
J. C. Dollar

Board of Mission

W. J. Andes
Ellie Ketcham
Beth Wilkins

Women's Fellowship - Marie Wilkins

Laymen's Fellowship - Earl Parker

1 member from the Youth Fellowship

W. W. Snyder, Church Moderator and Chairman

Carole Troxler, Church Secretary

Bill Blanchard, Treasurer

John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor (ex-officio)

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Remember in prayer:

Barbara Eyes who fell last week and broke her forearm.

Sam Belk - heart and eyesight problems.

Alex Farrow, first grader - bone marrow transplant recipient.

EVELLA AND HOLT SUTTON would like to thank the congregation for the many kindnesses shown to them during her recent illness. The cards, visits, food, etc. were all greatly appreciated.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Millard Fuller in his book, NO MORE SHACKS, tries to help people to understand what Habitat for Humanity is; what it is doing and what it hopes to accomplish. He gives examples of what can be done by a few people who are dedicated to a cause: "helping every family in the world to have a decent place to live."

On February 15th, you will have an opportunity to hear Mr. Fuller in person as he tells his story. I hope most of you will be present.

Habitat is at work in 16 countries of the world and 37 states in the U.S. and Canada. The Board of Directors members come from 19 different denominations and the Roman Catholic Church. There are 10 more denominations represented on the Board of Advisors and this does not include ecumenical, non-denominational and inter-denominational groups. Other organizations are helping also, such as the United Nations World Vision, Prison Fellowship, the Jewish Society for Service and the West German Church Agency (United Evangelical Mission). Two people from the UCC in North Carolina, who serve on the Board of Advisors, are the Rev. Harold Auler, Jr. from Asheboro and Dr. W. W. Sloan, a member of our church.

Habitat for Humanity has three criteria for establishing a Habitat Project:

- (1) A core of people who are dedicated to the project.
- (2) The families being helped must be involved in the project; and;
- (3) There must be a genuine love manifested toward the families receiving the houses.

Habitat has grown since Mr. Fuller had his dream in 1968. Many people have helped and many have been blessed by this dream. It has not been completely realized in 20 years but many strides have been made.

Millard Fuller ends his book with these words:

"No more Shacks? No poverty housing in the whold world?
Ridiculous? Outrageous? Impossible? Of course not.
With God, all things are possible."

See you on February 15th.

Ruth Dunn,
Board of Missions

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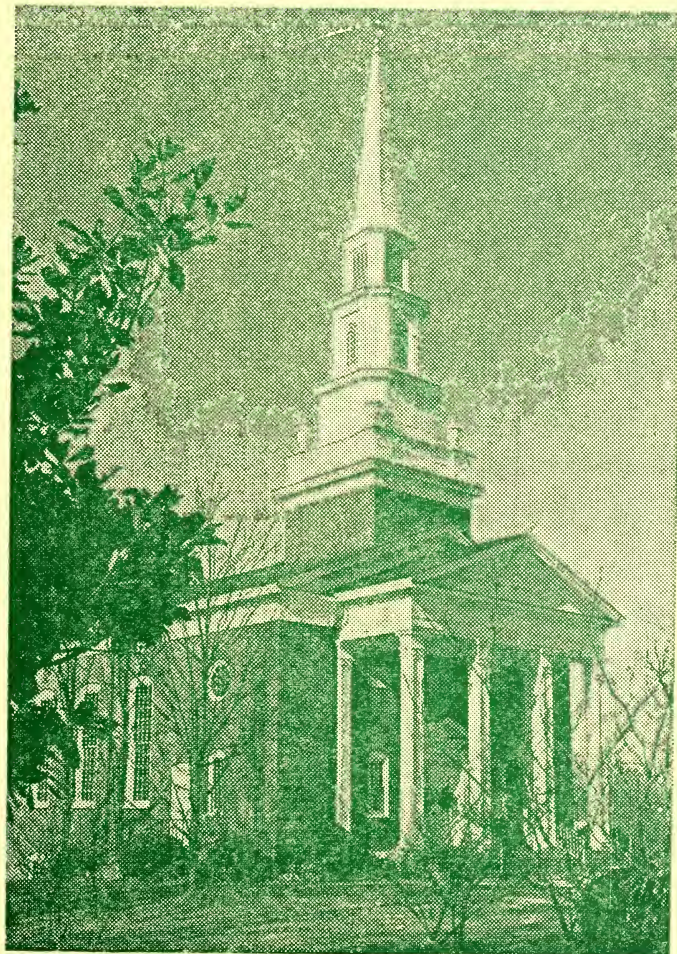
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February 8. Boy Scout Sunday.

Members of our Cub Pack will sing as one of the choirs for this service. Dr. Irvine will preach on "The Earth is the Lord's" from Psalm 24:1-2. Hymns will be "All Creatures of our God and King," "For the Beauty of the Earth," and "Brightest and Best."

February 15.

Millard Fuller, the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, will be our guest speaker. (See the article elsewhere in this issue of the TORCH.) Details were not available at press time.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will be at 8:00 a.m.

February 8, 1987.

MILLARD FULLER COMING FEBRUARY 14-15

One of the most amazing faith stories in contemporary Christianity is the explosive growth of Habitat for Humanity, the organization that seeks to provide adequate housing for people who have to live in squalid conditions. Its motto is "A decent house in a decent community for God's people in need." Affiliated projects have sprung up in many countries around the globe and in many parts of the U.S.A. Seven of these (going on eight) are in North Carolina.

The founder of this movement is a tall, thin-as-a-string-bean, dynamic man named Millard Fuller. We will be privileged to have him as our guest preacher on Sunday, February 15th. He will arrive from a speaking engagement at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on the afternoon of Saturday, February 14th, and the Board of Mission will host a covered-dish supper so that we can meet him informally that evening at 6:30 in the Parish House.

Sunday morning the adult and youth church school classes are invited to join to hear him speak in the Youth Room during the church school hour, beginning at 9:45. He will preach at morning worship. That afternoon he will speak at an open meeting at 2:30 in our sanctuary, in connection with the Allied Churches of Alamance County quarterly stated meeting, which will follow at 3:30; and there will be a reception at 4:00 in the Parish House. All are invited.

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URSINUS COLLEGE CHOIR TO PERFORM HERE

The United Church of Christ claims a special relationship with twenty-nine colleges, of which Elon College is the largest. Ursinus College, located in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, is another. We will have the privilege of hearing their college choir on its early spring tour to Florida. They will perform in our sanctuary on Thursday evening, March 5th, at 8:00. When informed of the program they will present, Dr. Ten Eyck commented, "They have to be very good, or their director would not dare to take them on tour with the pieces he has chosen."

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Ursinus College Choir - con't.

We will need to provide a supper at the Parish House prior to their performance, and "bed and breakfast" for the members of the group. If you would be willing to host one or more of these young people in your home, please call the church office and let us know how many you will take. More about this will follow in a subsequent issue of the TORCH.

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WE WELCOME TO THE TOWN AND THE COMMUNITY Rev. Norman Harris, his wife Judy and their two sons. Rev. Harris will begin his ministry at the Elon College Baptist Church on February 8, 1987. Rev. Harris is a graduate of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia and Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. The Harris' are moving here from Colonial Heights, Virginia.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 - Anna Rose Law
Bessie Sloan
Christopher Powell | 16 - Minnie Hook
Howard Loy
D. Marsh McLelland
Joe Holt
Melissa J. Pendergrass |
| 4 - Jane Alexander
Minnie Stickles | 17 - Bertie Fields
Andrea Albertson |
| 5 - Phil Edgerton | 18 - Tina Powell |
| 6 - Mark Rinker | 20 - Bertha Phillips
Caroline E. Powell
Allene P. Rich |
| 7 - Greg Price
Andy Baxter
Shannon Albertson | 21 - W. Roland Longest
Brian Powell
Sarah Dale Sharpe |
| 8 - Sharon Rinker
Peggy Lackey | 22 - Peachie Troxler |
| 9 - Jane A. Scroggs
Heidi Troxler | 23 - Birdie Scott
John Pendergrass |
| 10 - Bobbie Scarlata | 24 - Dee Atkinson
Robert Terrell
Katie Poole |
| 12 - Stephen C. Perry | |
| 14 - Buddy Y. Boyd
Leigh-Ann Denny | |
| 15 - Eugenia Wagoner
Mark Ellis | |

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CONGRATULATIONS TO GORDON RANKIN, who was named to the 1987 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. He was one of 20 Elon College students so honored.

PEOPLE - ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

ALTAR FLOWERS Sunday, January 25, were given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lankford in memory of their daughter, Marsha, and her close friends, also deceased: Deanie Longest Lucas, Janet Loy Faulkner, Ann Hughes Matthews, Wickie Lowe, Al Noah, Andy McLelland and Joe Burchfield. These were some of the fine young people in the Elon College Community Church a generation ago. They brought joy, enthusiasm and leadership to us. Now they are a part of the church triumphant. Thanks be to God for them.

BARRY OXFORD was installed as an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Carrollton, Ga. on January 11, 1987. As a youth, Barry served as an acolyte, sang in the choir and was a leader of our youth group in our church. He and his wife, Barbara, continue to use their talents where they now make their home. They have two children.

MARK RINKER is now serving as the morning carrier of the Greensboro News and Record, delivering the paper to many of us between 1:30 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. He also is the Coordinator of Campus Activities at the Elon Home for Children and is a student at UNC-G working toward his degree in Accounting. He has already a degree in Education. He and Barbara have two children and live on the campus of Elon Home.

KATIE BROWN AND MELISSA ETHERIDGE deliver the evening paper, Burlington Times-News. They carry bags full of heavy newspapers, walking through sunshine and snow. Katie is the daughter of Jim and Susan Brown and serves as one of our acolytes at the church. Melissa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge.

CHARLES WILKINS AND ALAN YOUNG delivered the Winter Lecture Series to many Senior Citizens on January 14, 1987, in the Parish House. They had spent some time overseas, studying and living with local people. Charles spent one semester at the American University in Cairo. Alan studied one year at Bristol University in England. Both shared the feeling that Europeans feared domination by Russia and by the United States! They brought a global perspective to us. Charles is the son of Louis and Beth Wilkins. Alan is the son of Fred and Phyllis Young.

(W. J. Andes)

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Feb. 1 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:30 p.m. Soup and Salad Supper for Sunday School
Teachers
Board of Christian Education meets after supper
- 3 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 4 - 10:00 a.m. Winter Lecture Series
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons
- 10 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Music Committee
- 11 - 10:00 a.m. Winter Lecture Series
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 14 - 6:30 p.m. Covered-dish Supper - Millard Fuller
- 15 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:30 p.m. Millard Fuller - Habitat for Humanity
3:30 p.m. Allied Churches Quarterly Meeting
4:00 p.m. Reception in P.H.
- 16 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 17 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 18 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

FEBRUARY CALENDAR - con't.

Feb. 22 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
 10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

24 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

25 - 10:00 a.m. Winter Lecture Series
 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

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THE VIAL OF LIFE

Many of you who attended the Fun Club meeting last week have already heard of the Vial of Life. It is a vial in which there is a paper kept with all your pertinent medical information. In case of illness and emergency medical personnel have to be called this information can save your life.

These Vials are available through the Fire Department. If you would like further information you can call Mr. Ed King at 584-9190. He will be happy to talk to you concerning this Vial of Life.

GOOD NEWS CONCERNING ALEX FARROW

Alex Farrow, a first-grader at Elon College Elementary School and younger brother of Matt Farrow, a member of our Cub pack, is at the hospital attached to the University of Florida in Gainesville. He has undergone a bone marrow transplant from Matt as his final defense against neuroblastoma, a rare cancer that strikes one in nine million children and is usually fatal. The transplant took place on the 16th of January. Such transplants are not successful in a majority of neuroblastoma cases. On the 19th his mother Kathy wrote as follows to Dr. Irvine:

"I suppose I'm still being carried, because, although this is difficult, it's still manageable emotionally. Alex has a powerful spirit, and an emotional strength that is beyond any expectations I've had of anyone. He has been through so much, and the worst is yet to come. We have entered what they call "the valley," i.e., (white blood cell) counts bottom out, the mouth and intestinal tract break down, the skin gets so dry that it actually stretches across the bones tightly--I could go on, but you get the general idea. It's torture.

We are so lucky, though, because it could be much worse in terms of outcome. Most of the transplants done are autologous--that is, using a person's own marrow, preserved, to replace what is destroyed by drugs and radiation. There have been only two other allogeneic, using a donor's, transplant, done here. Alex is the 3rd. Because of Matthew's health and size, enough marrow was harvested to equal that which an adult could give. Alex received roughly twice what the other children here received in transplant. When the marrow was infused, he became utterly pink--because of Matt's red blood cells. Never have I been so struck by the gifts that we are given as when I saw that transfer of life from one brother to another.

"As I see Alex fight his way back to health, I feel this tremendous joy. Sheer joy. Not fear, not worry, not even sadness at his pain. I feel joy for the second chance he's been given to live in health. We are indeed blessed.

"The road will be long and difficult, even after we return home. But we will return home.

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Alex Farrow - con't.

"Thank you for your prayers and thoughts. We feel the power of it here with us."

Dr. Irvine received this letter on January 26th and called Mrs. Farrow for an update. Alex has gone through "the valley" and is breaking recovery records right and left. His white blood cell count has gone up from nil to 1400 in just the last few days--much faster than anyone else's heretofore. (The hospital actually took a recount on the last test because an error was suspected--nobody could have improved that dramatically!) "It's amazing--you look inside his mouth and see the plaque pieces scaling off and just two days later, when he has some white blood cells to fight with, you look in there and it's all pink and healthy again; and when the mouth gets better, the whole intestinal tract gets better too." Alex is not out of the woods yet; he is having an expected reaction to the foreignness of his brother's cells, but this actually works in his long-term favor as it aids in the complete elimination of the "foreignness" of his cancer-carrying cells. He is hungry for solid food again and if all goes well may be able to come home in two weeks.

Matt survived his part as a donor well and has already returned home with his father Bob. Kathy said, "It was as if he had a super-abundance of marrow to give Alex--as much or more than an adult would have produced. The doctors were amazed at how much kept coming from him!" Matt will have to take iron pills for a while to build himself back up.

Let us keep praying for Alex's full recovern, and for the other members of his family.

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YOUTH NEWS

The Youth Fellowships of Peace and Congregational UCC has invited us to a St. Valentine's Day Dance Party on Saturday, February 14 from 7-10 p.m. at Peace UCC. We need to RSVP by February 4 so let Beth know if you are going by calling the church office 584-0391 or her home 1-383-4503.

Last weekend's lock-in produced some exciting plans for the coming year, but we need your help. Extra adult help will be needed for most of the events we have planned for the coming year. If you are interested in assisting with a program, please contact Nancy Lu Irvine or Sue Brown, or look for a special tear-off section in Sunday's bulletin and put it in the offering plate. Here are some opportunities to get involved with the youth program.

- February - Fund-raiser for the Good Samaritan Fund
- March - Ice Skating in Greensboro
- April 26 - Youth Sunday
- May - Spring Retreat
Road Rally
- June - Volleyball
- September- Fall Retreat
- October - CROP Walk
Lock-in
- November - Service project for the night shelter.

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CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS are invited to an appreciation supper given by the Board of Christian Education, Sunday February 1 at 5:30 p.m. We plan to spend some time talking about where our church program is going. Please let Peggy Lackey know as soon as possible if you can attend.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeters

Acolytes

Flowers

Feb.	1	M/M J. L. Dixon	M. Albertson/B. Harper	Atkinson
	8	M/M Willard White	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Richards
	15	M/M Dee Atkinson	Katie and Jamie Brown	Dollar
	22	M/M Robin Woody	T. Loy/R. Harris	Edwards

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Feb.	1	Fred Young, Mike Mayse, Robert Kittenger, Mike Gregory.
	8	Jeff Wilkins, Robin Woody, Holt Sutton, Steve Perry.
	15	J. L. Dixon, William P. Smith, Charles Liscum, Tim Parker, Howard Edgerton.
	22	Mark Danieleley, Jim Lyon, Martin Sholtzberger.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Feb.	1	Jeff MacKenzie	Feb. 15	Sue Brown
	8	Shannon Hankey	Feb. 22	Shannon Albertson

JANUARY STATISTICS

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Single Pledge</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Bene- volences</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Jan.	4	124	\$ 711.00	\$ 1,857.42	\$ 353.00
	11	141	134.00	2,016.25	150.50
	18	103	319.50	812.57	84.00
	25	92	218.50	555.33	103.00
					62.50
Totals	460	\$1,383.00	\$5,241.57	\$ 690.50	\$117.00

Current Expenses

Benevolences

Annual Budget	\$93,893.00	\$11,965.00
Budget to Date	7,824.42	997.08
Receipts to Date	6,624.57	690.50

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February 22.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "Sharing God's Character." Scriptures: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Matthew 5:38-48. Hymns: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine," and "Lord Speak To Me, That I May Speak." The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered to Jefferson Eugene Martin, infant son of Kirk and Nancy Boyd Martin.

March 1. Last Sunday in Epiphany.

Epiphany, which is about the light of Christ being manifested to the world, always begins with the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Christ (representing his power to draw people of all nations to himself); and climaxes on the last Sunday before Lent with the Transfiguration scene, where the light of Christ is at its most gloriously intense. This being the year of Matthew in the lectionary, our pastor will preach from Matthew 17:1-20 on the subject "What Do You Do With a Burst of Glory?" Hymns: "Holy, Holy, Holy!" "More Love to Thee, O Christ," and "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."

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March 8. First Sunday in Lent.

During Lent our pastor will preach a series of sermons on spiritual disciplines and spiritual growth. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on this Sunday and new members will be received into fellowship.

MILLARD FULLER HERE THIS WEEKEND

Are you set for some spiritual excitement? You've been hearing about Habitat for Humanity, the rapidly expanding organization that seeks to provide decent housing for people who lack it. We hope we've told you enough to tease your interest to the point where you'll come hear the story from the man who was especially prepared by God to undertake such an unusual ministry. Millard Fuller, who lives in Americus, Georgia, will be with us for an informal get-together around a pot luck supper in the Parish House Saturday evening at 6:30. He will speak to the combined adult and youth church school classes in the Youth Room at 9:45 Sunday morning and preach for us at 11:00 worship. Sunday afternoon he will speak again at 2:30 when the Allied Churches of Alamance County holds its quarterly meeting in our sanctuary. Representatives of two nearby Habitat projects east and west of us will give brief remarks about their progress at this meeting, to which everyone is invited. If you feel led by any of this to make a contribution to the Habitat for Humanity enterprise, you may do so by means of a check made out to this church with a notation on the bottom "Habitat for Humanity" and place it in the offering. Or you may use special envelopes available in the pews. Books by Millard Fuller and other materials concerning Habitat will be available at these meetings. He is a vibrant speaker and he will give different presentations each time he speaks.

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YELLOW RIBBONS SPROUT

You may be seeing some yellow ribbons worn by certain persons in church during the coming Sundays, and wonder what that's all about. They will be pinned on caring people who have volunteered to use their phones to call other people for a friendly brief chat every so often, usually once a week. Each yellow ribbon wearer has a short list of a few specific folk they will keep in touch with. If you would like to be a part of this caring enterprise, speak to Dorothy Clem, who has helped this evolve out of a concern of our Board of Missions.

URSINUS CHOIR TO SING HERE MARCH 5

Ursinus--who or what was Ursinus, that a United Church of Christ college in a little town called Collegeville, Pa., was so named? Zacharias Ursinus was one of the two main authors of the Heidelberg Catechism of 1563, one of the great documents of the Protestant Reformation, which became central to the life of the Dutch and German Reformed Churches in this country. No wonder those Pennsylvania "Deutsch" named one of their colleges for him!

We will be privileged to have that college's touring choir sing here on Thursday, March 5th, at 8 p.m. We will need places for about 30 to sleep that night (Burlington First Reformed Church will take another 10). If you could be host to one or two or three young people that evening and provide them breakfast the next morning, please call the church office and tell us how many you will host. Thank you!

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VIALS OF LIFE

These little vials which stay in your refrigerator and hold essential medical information in case of an emergency have been distributed to some members of our congregation. More are available. An emergency medical technician, responding in a rescue vehicle to a call to come to your home, will be able to quickly locate information that might help save your life if you take advantage of this system. For more information or to get in the program, call Elon College Fire Chief, Mr. Ed King at 584-9190.

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ENDOWMENT FUND

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation an Endowment Fund was established by formal vote. You will be pleased to know that a gift of \$1,000.00 has been made to begin that fund. We have a pioneer who has led the way; who will follow?

CALENDAR

- Feb. 14 - 6:30 p.m. Covered-dish Supper - Millard Fuller
- 15 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:30 p.m. Millard Fuller - Habitat for Humanity
Allied Churches Quarterly Meeting
4:00 p.m. Reception in Parish House
- 16 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 17 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club
3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Town Meeting re. rezoning property
near church.
- 18 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 22 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Spagetti Supper - Youth
- 23 - 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - Parish House
- 24 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 25 - 10:00 a.m. Winter Lecture Series
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- March 1 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
- 2 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 3 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

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- 4 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 5 - 8:00 p.m. Ursinus College Choir
- 7 - 9:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Breakfast
General Meeting
- 8 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons
- 9 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 10 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL

KINDLING THOUGHTS



Last June when I was leading morning devotions out on the campus during the Southern Conference Annual Meeting, we were reflecting on the various living creatures and plant life we could see and hear from where we were standing near the O'Kelly monument. Suddenly (right on cue! I couldn't have programmed it better) there was a vast whirring of wings and a flock of Canada Geese flew overhead through the mist just above the treetops. I saw a similar-sized flock (was it the same group?) flying several hundred feet up headed south over I-85 right where all those cherry-pickers are parked, on a brilliant afternoon a couple of weeks ago.

I never see geese flying in their ballet-like formations without marveling. To see them by the tens of thousands at Matamuskeet or Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, or to hear their faint cries drifting down during migration and look up to see their long moving skeins, dots stitched against a cloudscape, somehow transcends all the mundane business of honking, swimming, grass-nibbling goose life, and points to majesty:

Dark flying rune against the western glow--
It tells the sweep and loneliness of things.

But when you search out why the geese fly in those lines and formations, you find it tells not of the loneliness, but of the friendliness of things! Scientists estimate that flying in formation adds at least 71% greater flying range to the flock than birds flying singly could accomplish. That's no small energy saving! What happens is that as a bird flaps its wings, it leaves an eddy of air turbulence off its wingtips. The air is "broken up," so to speak, making it much easier for the next bird to power its wingstrokes. That is why the lead changes from time to time (I've seen it happen on many occasions as I watched a flock cross a long stretch of sky). The point bird has to work hardest of all, and gets tired faster. It is a relief to let another take over after you've been breaking up the air for everyone else for miles of sky.

As you watch geese fly, you note their lines constantly wobble or waver. Geese just don't shoot like an arrow or machine across the sky in perfect lockbeat. That's because the air itself is full of eddies, dips, hollows, updrafts--even before they fly into it. They

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must constantly readjust their flight to find that optimum place to travel, just behind and off the wingtip of the bird ahead.

I am reminded of the church. (Yes, sometimes a bunch of church folk can sound like a gaggle of geese, but that's not where I am headed with this.) In the church we travel on the lift left from the power stroke of the One who has gone before to make our way easier, the Pioneer of our Faith. We are traveling in part on the thrust of the fliers nearest to us, and some others coming along behind us are reaping the benefits of our work. We switch off from time to time--rotating in and out of office for some "R & R." And the beat goes on, through turbulent or still air, as we adjust and readjust to changing times, and as our leader aims to bring us into the green fields of justice and righteousness and love.

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FUN CLUB NEWS

The Fun Club will meet on Tuesday, February 17th at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish House. Bring a sandwich for your lunch. Dessert and drink will be served.

We will be meeting a few days after Valentine's Day, so we are going to have a belated Valetine's Celebration. Please bring your wedding picture or some other picture of you when you were young. Let's share together special memories of the "good old days."

Come enjoy a time of light-hearted fellowship! See how these Fun Club members love each other!

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Did you know that two of our members, Sam and Jennie Belk, are now residing in Alexandria, Virginia? Here is their address. I'm sure they would appreciate receiving a card from you.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel L. Belk
The Goodwin House #517
4800 Fillmore Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

Mary Kimball, President

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CONGRATULATIONS TO BEVERLY BEYER who participated in the Junior All State Band competition and was selected to perform in the Junior All State Band Festival which will be held at Cummings High School on February 22. Also congratulations to BILL AND BEVERLY BEYER who received high honor awards at Williams High School honors assembly.

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THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE recently honored the Sunday School teachers at a soup-and-salad supper. Food, fellowship and appreciation topped the menu and delighted the palate. Teachers, you are appreciated.

UCC Statement of Mission

This statement was drafted and adopted at a Conference on Mission, held specifically for that purpose, in Houston, Tex., Jan. 9-12, 1987. It will be forwarded to the UCC Executive Council, which granted Family Thank Offering funds for the project and which likely will refer it to this summer's General Synod.

As people of the United Church of Christ, affirming our Statement of Faith, we seek within the Church Universal to participate in God's mission and to follow the way of the crucified and risen Christ.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called and commit ourselves

- to praise God, confess our sin, and joyfully accept God's forgiveness;
- to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our suffering world;
- to embody God's love for all people;
- to hear and give voice to Creation's cry for justice and peace;
- to name and confront the powers of evil within and among us;
- to repent our silence and complicity with the forces of chaos and death;
- to preach and teach with the power of the Living Word;
- to join oppressed and troubled people in the struggle for liberation;
- to work for justice, healing, and wholeness of life;
- to embrace the unity of Christ's church;
- to discern and celebrate the present and coming reign of God.

FAMILY ABUSE SERVICES, A UNITED WAY AGENCY, IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO WORK IN THE SHELTER, WORK WITH CHILDREN, OR ACCOMPANY WOMEN TO COURT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 226-5982, BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY.

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

March 1. Last Sunday in Epiphany.

The sermon will be from the story of the Transfiguration of our Lord (Matthew 17:1-20) and will be entitled "What Do You Do With A Burst of Glory?" Hymns are "Holy, Holy, Holy!" "More Love to Thee, O Christ," and "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."

March 8. First Sunday in Lent. Communion. Reception of new members.

Our pastor will begin a series of Lenten sermons on various aspects of the subject of prayer. The starting point for prayer is to remember that "God desires truth in the inward being;" a certain wholeheartedness is required of us. Therefore the first sermon in the series is entitled "Heartfelt Prayer." Scripture: Psalm 130. Hymns: "O Worship the King," the hymn of the month for Lent "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days," and "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."

March 15. Second Sunday in Lent. (First Sunday for the collection of One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings.)

A continuing tension in prayer is that between the individual and the community: Jesus began "Our Father..." rather than "My Father" when he gave his disciples a model for prayer. We will explore the wider aspects of prayer in the second sermon in the series, entitled "Linking Prayer." Scriptures: Acts 2:12-26, Romans 8:26-27. Hymns: "We Gather Together," the hymn of the month, and "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ."

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LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Dr. Irvine will lead a weekly Bible study during Lent. Since we are focusing on spiritual growth in our Lenten programming, with the retreat on Spiritual Renewal and the sermon series on prayer, the subject of the Bible study sessions will be "Conversations with God." We will focus on the conversations between some of the great men of the Old Testament and their God.

These will be on Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 in the church library. Old Testament persons to be studied are as follows: March 5, Abraham; March 12, Moses; March 19, David; March 26, Hosea; April 2, Jeremiah. Everyone is invited.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL RETREAT

"Spiritual Renewal" was chosen by the most recent General Synod of the United Church of Christ as one of the priorities to be emphasized throughout our denomination this year and next. As a part of this emphasis, our church will have a retreat focusing on this subject March 13 and 14. Our Conference Minister, Dr. Rollin Russell, has agreed to lead us in this event.

For centuries Christians have found ways of seeking spiritual growth and renewal. Dr. Russell will help us learn more about some of these ways. He will share with us recent insights from various fields of knowledge that help to enrich our understanding and experience of prayer and meditation.

The retreat will begin Friday evening, March 13th, with a session at our Parish House from 7:30 to 9:15. It will continue on Saturday at the Lodge (formerly Moonelon) from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost will be \$5.50 per person, which covers materials and a simple lunch. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your Bible, something to write with and on (a small booklet will be provided but you will need something to write against), a cushion for your chair if you wish, and an eager and open mind. We promise you a spiritually encouraging and intellectually exciting retreat.

Advance registration is required, no later than Monday morning, March 9th. You may register by calling the church office at 584-0391, or by placing the tear-off slip in the church bulletin in the collection plate on either of the first two Sundays in March.

This retreat is sponsored by the Board of Deacons. Its Spiritual Renewal Task Force has worked with Dr. Russell in developing the event. Members of the task force include Beth Wilkins, Robin Woody, Wally Snyder, Nancy Lu Irvine, and our pastor.

A 'TREE' THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

"...and the leaves of the tree shall be for the healing of the nations." --Revelation 22:2

That text, from the great vision of the Holy City at the end of the Bible, is the theme for this year's "One Great Hour of Sharing," the ecumenical all-church offering taken each spring.

God's people in many denominations gather their gifts in this offering and invest them where the hurts of the world are greatest.

This year the symbol of our giving will be a tree! There will be a tree in our narthex; a nursery tree, not yet in leaf. Our gifts will make it "leaf out" symbolically. Our children during children's church (and at home between Sundays) are cutting out green paper leaves, which we will tie on the tree's branches with soft yarn during the last three Sundays of March. In order to watch the tree "leaf out" over time, we will be receiving this offering across three Sundays (March 15, 22, 29) instead of just one Sunday as in the past. Each time you make a contribution to this offering, write the amount on the leaf and tie the leaf on the tree. A watering can (minus the water) will be beside the tree and offerings can be placed in it. You will receive a leaf in the next issue of the TORCH. You might want to start saving now toward your first leaf-tying.

Gifts for One Great Hour of Sharing are used for disaster relief, refugee resettlement, and a large share goes to development projects, helping people to help themselves. In Haiti, villagers are reclaiming eroded mountainsides by building terraces and planting fast-growing trees to hold the soil for cultivation. In Africa, a unique new mud stove provides more heat from less firewood, thus reducing the pressure on existing trees.

Trees are essential for the healing of the earth, especially in lands where deforestation has impoverished the land and the people.

In the next TORCH watch for more information about the astonishing Leucaena tree being grown in Haiti as a result of previous One Great Hour of Sharing offerings!

One Great Hour of Sharing

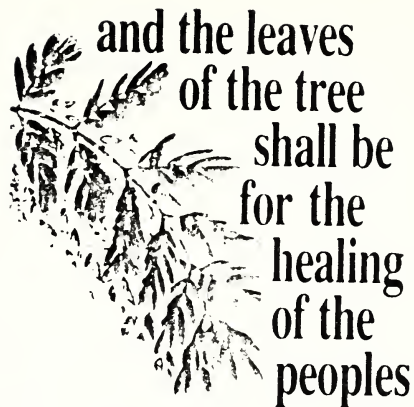
In the Dominican Republic, the widespread practice of cutting and burning away undergrowth as a means of clearing land for cultivation has left much of this Caribbean nation's topsoil scarred and unproductive. After only two or three planting sessions, farmland is usually exhausted. Exposed to torrential rains during the wet season, it erodes and becomes virtually barren.

But Dominican farmers are not doomed to this destructive cycle of soil depletion. Today, several hundred of them are receiving training in soil conservation. With leaders from their own communities, they are learning alternatives to the "slash and burn" practices. In turn, they will teach other farmers how composting, for example, offers an effective means of reclaiming land for small gardens.

This training is part of a larger community development program in which staff from an ecumenical organization of Dominican churches work with local people to improve life in the villages.

Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, funds are made available to Church World Service to support this important work in partnership with Dominican Christians.

In the New Testament, God's presence nourishes a tree whose leaves are for healing. When we give through One Great Hour of Sharing, we enter into a partnership with farmers to bring healing to their scarred land.



Rev. 22:2
paraphrased

One Great Hour of Sharing

"IDEAS" CONFERENCES COMING UP IN MARCH

The various commissions of the Southern Conference have put all their leadership training eggs in one basket and created an event called "Ideas" which will be offered twice--at Franklinton Center March 20-21, and at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds March 27-28. Nine different seminars will be offered, so that local church people who are looking for ideas on ways to work better can find help. Among those that will be offered are "What Does it Take to Have an Active Men's Group?" "Planning a Year-Long Stewardship Program," "Women in the Local Church: Task, Mission, Program," "Opening the Front Door of the Church to Visitors" and "Closing the Back Door of the Church (Retention)," "Planning for an Effective Youth Program in Your Church," "Identifying Stress in Healthy Families and How Churches Can Cope With It," "Ways of Helping Church Members and Pastors Develop More Effective Ministries Together," "Becoming a Just Peace Church," "Racial and Religious Violence in Our Midst." Some of these will be offered twice. Each person will be able to take advantage of several seminars. Special resource leaders from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries will be present: the Rev. Ansley Coe Throckmorton at Blowing Rock and the Rev. Percel O. Alston at Franklinton.

Registration begins at 7 Friday evening and the program will end Saturday afternoon. The cost per person is \$20 which covers one overnight, linens, breakfast and lunch on Saturday (dormitory accommodations; lodge type accommodations at Blowing Rock are available for slightly more). If you would like to attend one of these please call or come by the church office for a registration blank.

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YOUTH NEWS

The Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. Fourteen young people planned, cooked and served spaghetti to over 50 people last Sunday to raise over \$100 for the Good Samaritan Fund. Special thanks to Susan Barbee, Louis Wilkins, Lou Harper, and Sue Brown who helped make it possible.

Mark your calendars now for an evening of ice skating in Greensboro Sunday, March 22. This will be a time to get together with a number of youth groups from Burlington and Greensboro.

THE MEISTERSINGERS ARE COMING!

That's the name of the Ursinus College Choir, which will be singing in our church on Thursday, March 5th, as they begin their spring tour to Florida. The performance will be at 8 p.m. Thirty-four young people under the direction of John French, assistant professor of music and chairman of the music department at Ursinus, will be singing. This marks the 50th year the Meistersingers have been on tour. Their program includes both sacred and secular music.

Our church is responsible for providing supper for these young people before their performance; our Music Committee is heading up that effort. We also need to house them and provide breakfast for them in our homes overnight. First Reformed Church in Burlington has agreed to take ten overnight. As of press time we have had three families volunteer to take six people. If you can house three, two, or even one young person in your home, please call the church office and tell us how many.

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WHERE HAVE ALL THE YOUNG ONES GONE?

The number of adults between the ages of 18 and 35 increased by 69% in the years 1950-1980. Yet most churches have not enjoyed a corresponding increase in their young adult membership. Where are all the young adults on Sunday morning? Why is the church not attractive to them?

The Tabernacle Congregational Church UCC of Salem, Mass. decided more than a year ago to reach out to the young adults who had been raised in church-going families but who no longer attended church. They sponsored a Sunday-night dinner for people who had recently attended Tabernacle and for those who had former affiliations with the church. More than 35 people - mostly married, mostly professional - attended. Church leaders listened carefully as these young adults discussed their disenchantment with the church.

The following list of reasons why young people do not go to church was compiled from interviews with several of those who attended that initial dinner or subsequent meetings.

The group has continued to meet and has named itself Tabernacle Connections. Connections is designing new programs and reforming old ones to better meet the needs expressed by young adults.

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Young People - con't.

Priority Issues:

"I'm busy with other civic activities."

"My spouse or I work on Sundays."

"I need time for myself and recreation. So much of my time is scheduled."

"Life today is so fast-paced that there's not enough time for everything and church is easy to cut out."

"Weekends are the only time I have to visit family and friends."

Age Issues:

"Most people I see in church are much older than me."

"People aren't starting families today as early as they used to. Having kids often brings people back to church."

"It's hard to go to a church where I don't see any young faces."

Growing Up:

"There's probably some rebellion against attending since my parents still go to the same church."

"It's hard to go back when people still think of me as being a kid in Sunday School."

"I got away from church when I went to college and never came back."

Social Needs:

"I already have a network of friends and don't need the church to meet my social needs."

"I get the community aspects of church life elsewhere."

Relevance and Authority:

"Church is too much of a monologue and not enough of a dialogue."

"I get tired of hearing the be good, be better message that so many churches give out. I try to 'be good' already."

"I live by Christian values so don't see the need to hear them preached every Sunday."

"I connect the church with heavy moral judgements, not with the spiritual nurture and refilling that I'd like to get."

Awkwardness of New Members:

"It's hard to come in as a new person when most people have been there for 30 years and already know each other."

"People seem patronizing to me as a newcomer when I've already been there five or six times."

No Room for Doubt:

"I'm not sure what I believe and I think that I have to know what I believe or be willing to subscribe to a system of beliefs before I can attend church."

"The people my age who do attend church are much more conservative than I am."

Meistersingers

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The Meistersingers are a vocal ensemble of approximately thirty mixed voices. This year marks the 50th year that the singers will tour with their diverse repertoire of secular and sacred choral music. During the last 50 years, the Meistersingers have appeared in nearly every state on the eastern seaboard.

This year their program will feature works by Finzi, Britten, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. In addition, their repertoire will include English madrigals, folk songs, and contemporary sacred works.

In preparation for their tour, students from varied fields of study at Ursinus dedicate several hours each week practicing choral works selected from the classical to contemporary literature.

Conductor John French is assistant professor of music and chairman of the department of music at Ursinus College. He is holder of the William F. Heefner Chair of Music at Ursinus College. He received his bachelor of music degree in conducting from the Philadelphia College of the Performing Arts and a master of music degree in choral conducting from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. He is currently completing his doctor of musical arts degree in choral conducting at the University of Cincinnati's Conservatory of Music. In 1987, he was selected as a finalist for the Stokowski Memorial Conducting Fellowship, sponsored by the Philadelphia Orchestra, and, in 1982, he received the Lindback Award For Excellence in Teaching. In 1985, he was elected vice president of the Pennsylvania Collegiate Choral Association.

Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, is a four-year, independent, liberal arts college, founded in 1869 and located on a 140-acre wooded campus on the scenic outskirts of Philadelphia. Founded in 1869 and coed since 1881, Ursinus is historically related to the United Church of Christ. Over sixty percent of its 9000 alumni have attended graduate or professional school, and sixty-seven percent of its teaching faculty hold doctorates.

Ursinus College
Collegeville, Pennsylvania

MARCH CALENDAR

- 1 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Executive Committee of Women's Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
- 2 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 3 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 4 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 5 - 8:00 p.m. Ursinus College Choir
- 7 - 9:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship General Meeting
- 8 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons
- 9 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 10 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL
- 11 - 10:00 a.m. Winter Lecture Series
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 13 - 7:30 p.m. RETREAT - Parish House
- 14 - 9:00 a.m. RETREAT - The Lodge
- 15 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 16 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 17 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

- 18 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 22 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 23 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 24 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Blue and Gold Banquet
- 25 - 10:00 a.m. Winter Lecture Series
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 29 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 30 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 31 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. ORGAN RECITAL

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A man's grey vinyl-coated nylon RAINCOAT was taken from the coat rack by mistake on Sunday February 22, 1987. Please return it to the sanctuary and pick up your coat.

YELLOW RIBBON DEPARTMENT -

LAUGHTER

I HAD A LITTLE LAUGHTER LEFT,
I SHARED IT WITH MY NEIGHBOR
IT MADE THE LONGEST HOURS SEEM SHORT,
AND LIGHTENED ALL OUR LABORS

I HAD SOME COURAGE I COULD SPARE,
SO UP THE STREET I HURRIED
TO GIVE SOME TO A PERSON
WHOM I KNEW WAS DEEPLY WORRIED.

I HAD SOME JOY THAT I COULD SHARE,
I KNEW A PLACE WHERE SADNESS
REIGNED, AND SO I WENT
AND GAVE THEM OF MY GLADNESS.

BUT, OH! THE MORE I GAVE AWAY
THE MORE I HAD FOR GIVING
FOR THESE THINGS HOARDED QUICKLY DIE,
BUT USED, THEY GO ON LIVING.

--Anonymous

REV. AND MRS. SAM BELK wish to express their deep appreciation for the many cards and all the loving caring from the members of the church family during the recent months.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 - Martin T. Rose | 19 - William J. Andes |
| 4 - John M. Irvine, Sr.
Scott Dill | 20 - Kevin Artley
Evelyn Terrell
Kristin Powell |
| 5 - Annie Ruth Parker | |
| 6 - Al Carpenter | 21 - Kim Perry |
| 8 - Andre Wilkins | 22 - Gerry Oxford |
| 10 - Patsy Oliver | 24 - Gertrude Irvine |
| 11 - Carol Dollar
Jane G. Watts | 26 - J. William Matlock
Ken Harper |
| 14 - Vera Dixon | 29 - Travis Loy |
| 15 - Lee Anne Blanchard
Lucy Hughes
Jane McLelland
Michael L. Byers
Mary Lynn Brafford
Beverly Beyer | 30 - Cary R. Matlock
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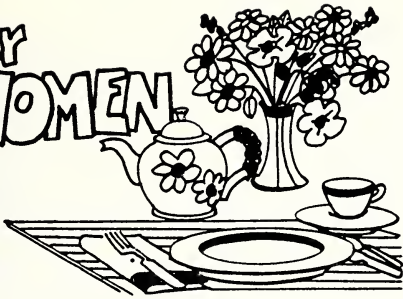
1987 BUDGET UNPLEDGED GIFTS

Our thanks to the young people and their leaders for the Spaghetti Supper held March 22 for the benefit of the Good Samaritan Fund. On a very rainy Sunday evening approximately 50 people came, ate and enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship. In the 1987 church budget, the Good Samaritan Fund is supported by plate offerings on Communion Sundays. Since the Fund is just getting started and funds are needed now, the young people prepared and served the Spaghetti Supper. Our thanks to them.

The Good Samaritan Fund is listed as one of the "Special Offerings (unpledged)" in the budget under the Board of Missions.

W. J. Andes ,

For
WOMEN



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Women's Fellowship will hold its quarterly general meeting on Sat., March 6, 1987 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish House. Breakfast will be prepared by Dr. Earl Danieleley and hostesses for the occasion are Mrs. Bertha Phillips, Mrs. Bertie Fields, Mrs. Lorene Lyon, and Miss Edith Brannock.

The Missionary Education Department, headed by Miss Melva Foster, will present our program entitled "Crossroads in Southern Asia."

Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items for our Emergency Food Closet, as well.

Hope to see you ALL there!!

Marie Wilkins, President

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SPECIAL CHURCH SCHOOL EVENT

On Sunday morning, March 8th during the Church School hour there will be a special event to mark the beginning of Lent. Members of all ages are invited to come to the Parish House for a Bible Study on Jesus' temptation.

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THE CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, Burlington Unit is sponsoring the Centennial celebration of World Day of Prayer to be held March 6, 1987 at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church UCC, 415 South Church Street, Burlington, N.C. Everyone is invited.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EVENT STRIKES RESPONSIVE CHORD

Millard Fuller's visit to our church February 14 and 15 was exciting, to say the least! Many thanks to all, especially Mission Board folks, who helped in various ways to make the events go well. The Allied Churches of Alamance County appreciated our hospitality extended to them on Sunday afternoon. A fine attendance was present then. One woman was here from as far away as South Dakota!

We have received so far, as gifts to Habitat for Humanity given through the church, \$505.87. If you have not yet donated to this cause and would like to, you may do so by making a check out to the church with the subnotation of "Habitat for Humanity." What you give will be promptly sent to their headquarters in Americus, Georgia; and they will put it to immediate use in providing decent housing for people in need.

We still have several copies of Millard Fuller's most recent book, No More Shacks! available in the church office for \$6.00.

A number of people have said, "Where do we go from here?" with regard to the energy generated by Millard's appearance. The Mission Board will be discussing possible next steps at its meeting on March 8th.

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BOARD OF MISSIONS TO MEET

The Board of Missions meets Sunday, March 8, 1987, at 5 p.m. in the Church Library. This will be an organizational and planning meeting.

The Board of Missions has two kinds of members: a. members elected by the church to serve 3 years and b. co-opted members chosen by the Board to serve in special capacities for a limited amount of time. On March 8 all members, both those elected by the church and those co-opted by the Board will meet together.

The first part of the meeting will be an overview of work to be done, materials to be used, dates to be set, etc. The last half of the meeting, each committee (there are 6) and one Task Force will meet separately for detailed planning and work.

March 8 is the date and 5 p.m. is the time of meeting.

W. J. Andes, Chairman

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Mr. D. York Brannock, Sr.

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Building Fund Treasurer

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
Mar. 1	M/M Ed Simons	M. Albertson/B. Harper	Eyes
8	M/M Dewey Holt	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Holt
15	D/M Martin Sholtzberger	Katie and Jamie Brown	Franks
22	M/M Walter Boyd	T. Loy/R. Harris	Boyd
29	M/M George Noah	Shannon Albertson	Noah

USHERS

Mar. 1	Fred Young, Mike Mayse, Robert Kittenger, Mike Gregory.
8	Jeff Wilkins, Robin Woody, Holt Sutton, Steve Perry.
15	J. L. Dixon, William P. Smith, Charles Liscum, Tim Parker, Howard Edgerton.
22	Mark Danieleley, Jim Lyon, Martin Sholtzberger.
29	Del Atkinson, D. D. Atkinson, George Troxler, Ed Simons, Walter Boyd, Jim Underhill.

FEBRUARY STATISTICS

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Single Pledge</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Benevolences</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Feb. 1	126	\$ 571.75	\$1,642.08	\$ 425.00	\$ 21.50
8	192	407.50	1,011.96	140.00	52.50
15	175	464.50	1,155.74	128.50	16.50
22	<u>116</u>	<u>226.50</u>	<u>432.29</u>	<u>45.00</u>	<u>2.50</u>
Totals	609	\$1,670.25	\$4,242.07	\$ 738.50	\$ 93.00

	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Benevolences</u>
Annual Budget	\$93,893.00	\$11,965.00
Budget to date	15,648.84	1,994.16
Receipts to date	12,536.89	1,429.00

Challenge gifts to date:

Youth Library Books	\$110.00
Sunday School Snacks	70.00
Worship and Evangelism	100.00
Christian Education	100.00

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

March 15. Second Sunday in Lent.

The Lenten sermon series on prayer will continue with one on "Linking Prayer" (Acts 2:12-26, Romans 8:26-27). Hymns will include "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing," "Lord, Who Throughout These Forth Days" (our Lenten Hymn of the Month), and "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ." New members will be received. This is the first Sunday of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

March 22. Third Sunday in Lent.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "Fruitful Prayer" (Colossians 1:1-14; James 5:13-18). Hymns include "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," the hymn of the month, and a special hymn written for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, which will continue to be received. The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered to Rebecca Lynn Perry, daughter of Steve and Kim Perry, and granddaughter of Estelle Perry.

March 29. Fourth Sunday in Lent.

The sermon will be on "Unanswered Prayer" (Luke 18:1-8). We will be singing "Morning Has Broken," the Hymn of the Month, and once again the OGHS hymn, which is entitled "We Hear God's Call to Service." This will be the final day for the OGHS offering (see story elsewhere in this TORCH).

April 5. Fifth Sunday in Lent.

The Lenten sermon series on prayer ends with one on "Praying for Enemies"--one of the ultimate forms of prayer (Matthew 5:38-43). Hymns include "When Morning Gilds the Skies," "In the Hour of Trial," and "Jesus Calls Us."

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LENTEN BIBLE STUDY IN EVENING ALSO

Dr. Irvine will lead a Bible study on "Conversations with God" focusing on Old Testament characters on Thursday evenings as well as Thursday mornings at 10:30, in the church library. The evening class will meet at 7:00 beginning March 12 (with some adjustment in the beginning time of the March 19th session, to be negotiated March 12th). The sessions will last for an hour and there will be five of them, concerning Abraham, Moses, David, Hosea, and Jeremiah. The morning group, having started a week earlier, will continue ahead of the evening class. All are welcome.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING MARCH 15, 22, 29

"...and the leaves of the tree
shall be for the healing of the peoples."

--Revelation 22:26

Your Leaf is enclosed in this TORCH. Our One Great Hour of Sharing Tree will stand in the Narthex March 15th and 22nd, and be brought to the chancel on March 29th to climax three Sundays of offering.

We want to make our Tree burst open with signs of our gifts, by filling its branches with green paper leaves. The tree, a live one from Mark Danieleley's nursery stock, will not be putting out its own leaves yet.

The green paper leaves, many of which were made by the children during children's church, are a way of showing the gift you and/or other members of your family are making to this offering. Write the amount you are giving this particular week on your leaf and hang it on the tree (do not write your name, only the figure). You can add another leaf each week as you save or set aside more money for this cause in the intervening days. The oftener we give, the more the tree will "leaf out." A watering can, empty of water, will stand beside the tree, and your gifts can be placed in it in envelopes or loose (an OGHS envelope will come your way in a separate letter shortly). Extra leaves will be available in the narthex, along with a pen.

Symbolically, a tree stands for hope in many countries of the world. Future forests are being planted, and a "miracle tree" has been developed and is taking root in Central America, Indonesia, the Philippines, India and elsewhere.

The Leucaena tree's miracle is its rapid growth; in Haiti, it can grow 30 feet tall in just two years, and after cutting, it can regenerate itself up to ten times from the stump! These "miracle trees" have long tough taproots which anchor the plant to hillsides, allowing rainwater to be held instead of running off and causing erosion. The dense wood is ideal for firewood, and older trees can be used for timber and houses. Even the leaves are said to provide protein for livestock feed or for soups. And it produces rich organic fertilizer that helps the land reclaim its fertility. Read more about it, and ways you can help, on the enclosed print piece with the yellow headline. Be sure to read both sides of it. You can bring life and healing to people around the world!

RICHARD FREY TO GIVE ORGAN RECITAL HERE ON MARCH 31

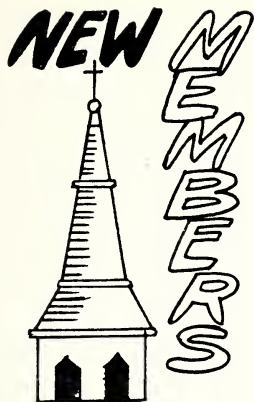
It's been a long time since an organ recital was given in our church; perhaps even since the dedicatory recital after the organ was installed, on April 5th, 1981, when Dr. Marilyn Keiser was the organist for the event. We are about to break that long drought!

Richard E. Frey (pronounced "Fry"), an outstanding organist from Ridgewood, New Jersey, will present a benefit recital entitled "Fanfares and Flourishes" at 7:30 on Tuesday evening, March 31st, on our Casavant organ of 23 ranks and 18 stops, two manual and three divisions. All proceeds from the free will offering will go to Bread for the World, a Christian organization which seeks to address the world hunger problem through legislation and education. Mr. Frey has traveled to churches in many parts of the country at his own expense to give free recitals in order to raise money for this cause, to which he is obviously highly committed; he has scheduled twenty such recitals between last March and this May, in states as far from home as Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and California. A list of these will appear in his program.

Mr. Frey often shared in musical programs at Dr. Irvine's former church in Park Ridge, New Jersey. He is a native of Bethlehem, Pa; has earned degrees at Westminster Choir College, Boston University, and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary; and is presently Minister of Music at the Ridgewood United Methodist Church, where he oversees a program of 4 vocal and 3 handbell choirs, a brass ensemble, and a liturgical dance ensemble. Dick's wife, Susan, is Director of Children's Ministries at the church. He has presented recitals at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the cadet Chapel at West Point, and the Ocean Grove (NJ) Auditorium. He has published 16 works as a composer, and is presently working on music for the upcoming World Mission Conference of the World Council of Churches.

His program here will include works by Gigout, Handel, Soler, J.S. Bach, Muffat, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Dupre, Hindemith, Bingham, Preston, Langlais, Reubke, and a work of his own entitled "Trumpet Jubilation."

He will be available to talk about Bread for the World, will bring materials concerning it, and will have available for sale (with all profits going to the organization) cassettes of three of his organ programs, including one recorded on the organ at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Tapes are \$8 for one, 2 for \$15, 3 for \$20. These are audiophile cassettes produced by Richard Avedon, a friend of Dr. Irvine's in Park Ridge whose studio is equipped with the latest and best technology available.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

On March 8th Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster McCall joined our church. "Chip," as Charles prefers to be called, came on letter of transfer from Agape Baptist Church in Mebane, and Robin on letter of transfer from St. Luke's UCC in Faribault, Minnesota. They live at Rt. 10, Box 407, Burlington (407 Robin Hood Drive). Chip, a Burlington native who attended East Carolina and N. C. State Universities, is employed as a sales representative by Cablevision of Alamance County. Robin moved to Alamance County with her family after growing up in Wisconsin and

Minnesota, graduated from Elon College, and works in sales development for Jefferies Socks. They were married in our sanctuary last September and have been worshipping with us since before their wedding. We are happy to have them join our church family. Please add their names, address and telephone number to your church directory.

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BEQUEST RECEIVED

The church has received a bequest from the estate of Mary Graham Mackintosh for \$3,540.75. We are grateful to her for remembering the church she loved in this way. Have you remembered the church in your will?

It is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to recommend to the Church Council how these funds are to be used. If you have any suggestions, the Trustees would be glad to hear them. Marsh McLelland is chairman of the Board.

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All members and friends of the Elon College Community Church are invited by the Board of Christian Education to attend the annual Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 19 in the Parish House. Please make plans now to join us for this event. Watch for the reservation form in the next issue of the TORCH. We hope that you will join us for this special meal,

Patricia Woody, Board of Christian Education

CALENDAR - con't.

- 31 - 3.30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. ORGAN RECITAL
- April 1 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 2 - 10:30 a.m. Lenten Bible Study
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HOLT AND EVELLA SUTTON wish to express their thanks and appreciation for the many cards and all the loving thoughtfulness from the church family during the recent weeks.

MEANTIME...



Now that's an interesting word, isn't it?
Meantime. Mean time.

Our English adjective "mean" has descended to us from two different languages and therefore has two different families of meaning. From the Anglo-Saxon *gemaene*, meaning *common* or *general*, come the various English meanings *humble*, *common*, *ordinary*, of *poor quality*, *shabby*, *stingy*--you can see the evolution of derogatory meaning, which here in America went even further: *malicious*, *ill-tempered*, *pettily selfish*. From Old French *meien*, a derivative of Latin *medianus*, meaning *that which is in the middle*, comes the mathematical usage of "mean": *average*, *midway*, *having intermediate nature between two extremes*.

I presume the word "meantime" arose from the Old French word. Meantime seems properly mathematical, a period of time rather than a quality of time. But that earthy Anglo-Saxon won't stay subsumed under the most distant, manipulative Latin. Feelings run up and over into "meantime." It becomes a time on the way to something else. But *all* time is on the way to something else, isn't it? So more must be said. Meantime is a time on the way to some desired or anticipated end. It is therefore a time to be endured, outlasted, perhaps even killed. Meantime is dull time compared to that which is anticipated.

Lent is a meantime on the way to Easter. (Some, who despise the thought of self-denial, would say it is a mean time indeed!) In the Lectionary, the first Sunday in Lent finds Jesus being tempted in the wilderness. A mean place, that, hard to survive in. The God who had been so close and vocal at Jesus' Baptism now drives him out into the wilderness to test his faithfulness in God's silence and absence. The pattern of God's presence followed by God's absence is one we all know. In fact, truth to tell, God is absent most of the time.

Robert Hamerton-Kelly suggests that God is revealed in time rather than space; idols are revealed in space. God comes to us in a word rather than in an image. "A word, like music, occupies time rather than space. A word is there only for the brief duration of its utterance. When a word falls

KINDLING THOUGHTS (continued)

silent, there is nothing there for us, save memory and expectation--the memory of the word just spoken and the expectation that it will sound again. But for the time being, or, if you like, in the meantime, we live by faith. *Faith is precisely to live in the silence of God, in memory of his past words and in expectation of his next words, and especially in expectation of his last word.*"

Lent is midway time--midway between baptism and cross, beginning and ending. Lent is the average time, the ordinary time raised up for examination, the common time of life become uncommon solely by virtue of our reflection on our beginnings and endings, our awareness of our pilgrimage-through-the-middle-time. Lent is what happens to us in the absence of God, when we are tested to see if we will be found faithful to a word we heard before. Lent is our time-in-the-wilderness where we remember, hang on to, and push forward deeper into, the word God has spoken to us. It can be a mean time. But it doesn't have to be. Faithfulness transforms mean time into meantime, the silence of God lived in the--oh, do we dare hope for it?--promise of God's last word being Joy rather than Havoc, resurrection rather than defeat.

JMI



"There is a lad here which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes ..." And it came to pass that the talented Meistersingers from Ursinus College were fed, yea even more than a hundredfold were fed! And much food did still remain! The Music Committee gives thanks for the outpouring of love to the "stranger" within our gates. Also for the fine help of Edith Brannock, Doris Brafford, and Vera Dixon.

FUN CLUB NEWS

The next meeting of the Fun Club will be on ST. PATRICK'S DAY - Tuesday, March 17th.

Come to the Parish House at 10:30 a.m. Bring a sandwich - everything else for your lunch will be provided. Earl Danieleley will tell us about his interesting new work at the College.

There will be special music to lift our spirits and a whole lot of JOY and LOVE and GOOD FELLOWSHIP to warm our hearts and bless our day.

The older I get the more important FRIENDS are to me. The FUN CLUB provides retirees with a wonderful opportunity to be with old friends and make new ones.

Let's all get together next Tuesday. Come and help celebrate something exciting - SPRING IS ONLY 4 DAYS AWAY!

Love you all -
Mary Kimball, President

SPECIAL THANKS are due to the children of the church who made over 400 leaves for the One Great Hour of Sharing tree.

Yellow Ribbon Department -

KEEP IN TOUCH

It's always good to keep in touch,
With those who are away,
To let them know they're thought about,
And loved from day to day.
It only takes a moment,
For a letter or a call;
To be remembered, is a thing
That's precious to us all.

Grace E. Easley

REMARRIED FAMILIES: The "Brady Bunch" happens only on TV.

A workshop March 16 7-9 p.m. will help individuals or couples who are in a remarriage to identify some of the common difficulties and potential pitfalls of a blending family and plan some helpful ways to deal with these issues. Participants will be helped to identify the strengths and positive potential of their "new family". Lead by Ruth Wright and Rob Reinecke, cost is \$5.00 for couples and \$3.00 for individuals. It will be held at the Elon Home for Children in the McFarland Activities Building. To register or for more information contact the Elon Home.

YOUTH NEWS

The Middle High will meet at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 15 to make cards for shut-ins.

ICE SCATING: We will leave Sunday March 22 at 1:15 p.m. to go to Carolina Circle Mall in Greensboro. Please bring \$4.50 for skate rental and admission.

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP:

REMEMBER! Set your clocks ahead one hour this Saturday night, April 4th, in order to be at church at the right time. Daylight Saving Time begins the first Sunday in April this year, by Congress' revision of the law, rather than the last Sunday of April as heretofore.

April 5. Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Dr. Irvine will conclude his series of Lenten sermons on prayer with one on "How to Pray." Read Matthew 5:43-6:15. Hymns will include "When Morning Gilds the Skies," "In the Hour of Trial," and "Jesus Calls Us."

April 12. Palm Sunday.

Perhaps the single most basic mistake a worshipper can make when attending a church service is to assume that he or she is properly the spectator, and those who lead in worship are the actors. The right way to look at it is to recognize that we are all (worship leaders and worshippers alike) actors in a drama we play out before God.

It used to be, in some of the churches that followed a lectionary (a scheduled set of Scripture readings throughout a three-year cycle), that the Sunday before Palm Sunday was known as "Passion Sunday"--and instead of the usual three readings from Scripture (Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel), the entire passion narrative of Jesus's last week, from Palm Sunday preparations through his death and burial, was read through, from one of the Gospels. In recent years that custom has been shifted to Palm Sunday, where it makes a logical and effective opening for Holy Week. To hear the greatest drama of all time all at once is a moving experience.

Walter Wangerin, Jr., the noted author (and Lutheran pastor) has written a Passion service called "Worship for the Way of the Cross" in which the entire congregation becomes part of the story. Each worshipper has a script. There are four readers: a narrator, a Peter figure, a Judas figure, and a Pilate figure. The congregation speaks a number of parts along the way: the multitude, the disciples, bystanders, the crowd, the repentant criminal. The children have a time to process; the adult choir has a time to sing. Stanzas of hymns sung along the way by the congregation add to the drama. Wangerin plays the phrases of the Lord's Prayer against the narrative of the story in a particularly powerful way. There is also a solo singing voice. To further heighten the drama there is percussion (a drum), and a dancer, who represents in motion the moods and changes our Lord undergoes during the narrative. (Remember that sacred dance has a long history that goes back to Miriam and King David, who danced before the Lord in Old Testament times.)

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP - continued

This service will make up the core of our Palm Sunday worship service. Plan to come and really get into the story, in a new way!

Hymns will include "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," "Go to Dark Gethsemane," and "Rock of Ages."

April 16. Maundy Thursday Worship service, 7:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed; and a service of Tenebrae (darkness) will also be kept. The Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon will give the meditation. The service will utilize the liturgies in the new Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ. Hymns will include "My Song is Love Unknown," "'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow, and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

April 19. Easter Sunday.

Come and worship on this highest of all days in the Christian year--the day that changed our weekly Christian worship from the seventh to the first day of the week because the Resurrection of Jesus stamped it "the Lord's Day." Dr. Irvine will preach an original story sermon entitled "The First Words of Easter" from Matthew 27:62--28:15. The story is told from the viewpoint of one of the guards at the tomb. Hymns to be sung will include "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," "Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People," and "The Day of Resurrection."

April 26. Christian College Heritage Sunday.

To lift up our college heritage, Gordon Rankin, a pre-ministerial junior at Elon College and an associate member of our congregation, will bring us the morning message. Dr. Irvine will be away April 22-27 on a brief vacation. Details will be in the next TORCH.

YOUTH NEWS

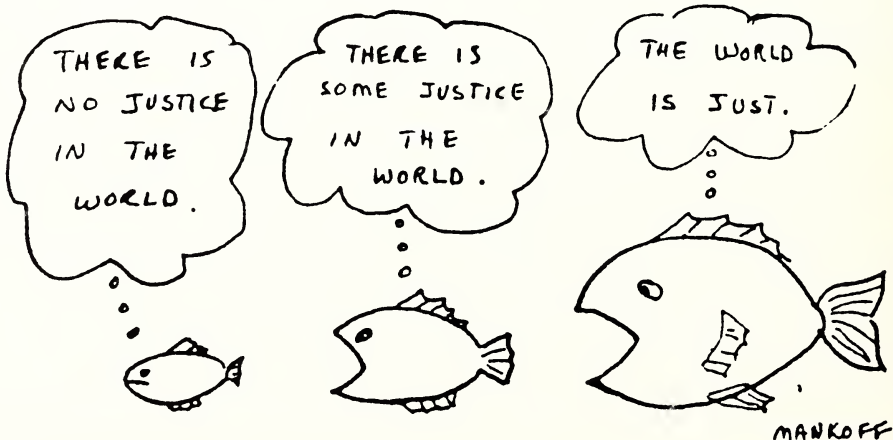
On Sunday, April 5th, the Middle Highs will meet at 4:00 p.m. to work on Easter cards for shut-ins.

Lock-in. On Friday April 24th we will be hosting Brick UCC and Pleasant Ridge UCC for a lock-in. Watch this space for further details.

Mark your calendars now for Youth Sunday, May 10th. There's a great deal to be done and planning committee members will be contacting you soon about what you can work on. Adults who are interested in drama or puppetry and would like to help should contact Beth Lyon.

The second of the LENTEN INTEGENERATIONAL CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES will be held on Palm Sunday, April 12th in the Parish House at 9:45 a.m. All church school classes are invited.

THE MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON, sponsored by Church Women United will be Friday, May 1st at Blessed Sacrament School. Tickets at \$3.50 each will be available at Circle meetings in April and from Phyllis Young at other times. Health kits for migrant workers will be collected.



APRIL CALENDAR

- 1 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 2 - 10:30 a.m. Lenten Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study
- 5 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Middle High Youth
4:00 p.m. Committee of Stewardship and Mission
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
- 6 - 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2 - Church
7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:30 p.m. Circle 3 - Gertrude Liscum
- 7 - 3:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Worship Committee
7:30 p.m. Circle 4 - Church
- 8 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 12 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
10:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Board of Missions
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons
- 13 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Ceramics
- 14 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club - Parish House
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL
- 15 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 16 - 7:30 p.m. Manudy Thursday Service

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Remember the EASTER BREAKFAST sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. Reservation forms will be included in your church bulletin on Sunday, April 5th, or you can reserve your spot by calling the church office (584-0391).

Mrs. Eleanore Kittenger would like to express her thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses shown her during her recent illness.

FUN CLUB TO CELEBRATE PASSOVER

The Fun Club will hold its April meeting in the Parish House on Tuesday, April 14th at 10:30 a.m. You will notice that this day is designated as "The Beginning of Passover" on your calendars.

We will have a special program that day commemorating the Passover meal Jesus shared with His disciples in the night before he was betrayed.

Come taste the special Passover foods and participate in the ancient ritual celebrating Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt

Come, seek a deeper understanding of the feelings of those who met together that awesome night.

We are praying that it will be a moving experience for all of us and we hope you will be part of it.

We are asking each person who comes to bring a sandwich. The rest of the meal will be provided by our hosts and hostesses for the day.

We believe this special program will be a meaningful way to prepare for the other events of Holy Week.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parish House on Tuesday morning, April 14th at 10:30.

Shalom!

Mary Kimball, President

THE ELON COLLEGE GOSPEL CHOIR will host its annual concert on Sunday, April 12th at 5:00 p.m. in Whitley Auditorium. This will be a benefit concert for the First Baptist Church of Morgan Place and the Clinton Memorial UCC destroyed last year by fire. The College Choir will be joined by other area Gospel Choirs. You are most welcome.

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| 1 - Doris Brafford | 15 - Lynn F. Baxter |
| 2 - George Troxler | William B. Terrell |
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| Scott White | 16 - Mona Atkinson |
| 3 - Willard G. White | Susan Barney |
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| 6 - Roberta Starr | 18 - William G. Long |
| 7 - Robert L. Smith | 19 - Robert Kittenger |
| Gloria Law | 21 - Robert M. Kimball |
| 8 - Beth Wilkins | 24 - Joan Artley |
| Charles A. Liscum | Joe McLelland |
| 9 - Kristin Wilkins | 27 - Lillie Waugh |
| Judy Loy | Jim Brown |
| 10 - Sheree Smith | 30 - George A. Noah |
| 11 - Sam Shomaker | Walstein W. Snyder |

KINDERGARTEN CONCORDANCE

A unique glossary of religious terms and phrases as defined by Sunday School students almost anywhere.

ABSOLUTION: Making sure you're right.

ADULTERY: The sin of saying you're older than you really are.

CONVERSION: Point after touchdown.

EPISTLE: Wife of an apostle.

FAITH: Knowing something, even when you don't know.

FALSE DOCTRINE: Giving people the wrong medicine.

HEAVENLY HOST: St. Peter.

HYMN: The bottom of a lady's dress.

JOAN OF ARC: Noah's wife.

(The Voice of St. John)

YELLOW RIBBON DEPARTMENT:

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are times we all need comfort,
....Someone to really care,
However late the hour,
The Lord is always there.
So bring the little heartaches
For which you sometimes weep,
Dear child, you won't disturb Him,
....For God is not asleep.

For you God's always waiting,
Lift not the knocker twice,
You are the pearl he ransomed,
At such an awful price.
And there's nothing more important,
Nor thing that means so much,
As to love Him and to trust Him,
....And always "keep in touch."

G.E.E.

The Committee on Stewardship and Mission (one of the Board of Missions) is called to meet Sunday, April 5, at 4 p.m. in the library of the Elor College Community Church. Committee members are: Marsh McLelland, Richard McBride, Walter Boyd, W. E. Butler, Lou Harper, Bill Blanchard and W. J. Andes.

The Board of Missions meets April 12, at 4 p.m. in the Church Library. Each Committee and Task Force should be represented by members of the Board and, if possible, by the co-opted members of the Board. Definite plans for a follow up of Habitat for Humanity, UCC College Heritage Day and for the possible emphasis on "Churches and People of the USSR" are to be made. Other matters will come before us.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
April 5	M/M Leroy Hughes	M. Albertson/B. Harper	L. Hughes
12	M/M Jim Lyon	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Kittenger
19	M/M Eugene Lankford	Katie and Jamie Brown	Atkins
			Fam
26	M/M John Ketcham	T. Loy/R. Harris	Colclough

USHERS

April 5	Fred Young, Mike Mayse, Robert Kittenger, Mike Gregory.
12	Jeff Wilkins, Robin Woody, Holt Sutton, Steve Perry.
19	J. L. Dixon, William P. Smith, Charles Liscum, Earl Parker, Howard Edgerton.
26	Mark Danieleley, Jim Lyon, Martin Sholtzberger.

MARCH STATISTICS

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Single Pledge</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Bene- volences</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
March 1	149	\$ 451.00	\$ 5,830.82	\$ 440.25	\$ 84.00
8	150	375.00	2,234.59	293.00	29.00
15	143	317.00	821.83	449.25	52.50
22	151	167.00	862.20	203.00	16.50
29	<u>118</u>	<u>262.50</u>	<u>525.16</u>	<u>86.50</u>	<u>2.50</u>
Totals	711	\$1,572.50	\$10,274.60	\$1,472.00	\$184.50

	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Benevolences</u>
Annual Budget	\$93,893.00	\$11,965.00
Budget to date	23,473.26	2,991.24
Receipts to date	24,383.99	2,901.00

Challenge gifts for March:

Christian Education - Children's Books \$50.00

One Great Hour of Sharing as of Sunday, March 29th - \$1,389.30

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

April 19. Easter Sunday

We will have a brass group from the Elon College Fine Arts Department added to our choir for special music this great festival Sunday. Dr. Irvine will preach on "The First Words of Easter" from Matthew 27:62-28:15. This will be a sermon in story form told from the perspective of one of the guards at Christ's tomb. Easter hymns include "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," "Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People," and "The Day of Resurrection." Worship is at 11 a.m. as usual.

April 26. College Heritage Sunday

Gordon Rankin, a pre-ministerial student at Elon College, will bring us the morning message on "What Is True Love?" from Luke 6:26-37. Hymns will include "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "More Love to Thee, O Christ," and "My Song is Love Unknown."

May 3.

Dr. Irvine will be back in the pulpit, preaching on the Emmaus Road story from Luke 24:13-35, "Making Sense Out of Life in a Strange New Way." The Hymn of the Month for May will be "O Master Workman of the Race," hymn number 412. Other hymns will be "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," and "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."

May 10. Youth Sunday

Our young people, under Beth Lyon's direction, are planning this day's worship service.

May 17.

Special service honoring graduating seniors of Elon College. Dr. Rollin Russell will preach.

COLLEGE HERITAGE SUNDAY

The Sunday after Easter churches across the United Church of Christ will be lifting up our church-related colleges on College Heritage Sunday. Gordon Rankin, a student at Elon and an Associate member of this church who plans to study for the ministry, will preach for us that day.

The Mission Board reminds you that our church is in a five-year plan to pay off its pledge of \$5,000 to the Pride II Campaign of Elon College. 1987 is the fourth year of its pledge payment schedule. Due to budget restrictions, the \$1,000 gift to Elon College was placed in the Challenge part of the 1987 Budget, meaning it will not be paid from our regular gifts, and will only be paid if individuals donate specifically to it. On College Heritage Sunday we will receive a special offering toward this cause.

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The spring quarterly meeting of the BURLINGTON DISTRICT UCC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will be at St. John's UCC on Thursday, April 23rd, with dinner at 7 p.m. Jim Hinckley, Executive Director of the Land Stewardship Council, will be the speaker.

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GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA PLANNED AT ELON COLLEGE

The Elon College Gospel Choir and the Black Cultural Society of Elon College will sponsor the Second Annual Gospel Extravaganza at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12, in Whitley Auditorium on the college campus.

Featured performers include the Arches Grove Gospel Choir of Burlington, Bethel Male Chorus of Reidsville, E.B.C. Chorale of Winston-Salem, Elon First Baptist Church of Morgan Place, Michael Whitfield of Roxboro, and the Winston-Salem State University Gospel Choir.

No admission will be charged, but a love offering will be taken to benefit the building programs of the Elon First Baptist Church of Morgan Place and the Clinton Memorial United Church of Christ.

The public is invited to join in celebrating the name of the Lord in music and song.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE DEEPLY MOVING TO MANY

Not a few tears were coursing down cheeks as the story of Christ's Passion was retold by the entire congregation, assisted by various readers, the choir, a dancer, a drummer, and a tenor soloist. Many thanks to Eark Danieleley who was the Narrator, John Truitt who was the Peter figure, Richard McBride who was the Judas figure, and Bill Andes who was the Pilate figure; to Chalmers Brumbaugh for his poignant singing of "Where you there?", to Chip McCraw for his gentle and powerful punctuation with the drums (he also played the drums in the recent performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar" by the Burlington Gallery players), to Kimberly Batchellor for her sensitive evocation of Jesus in dance movements, to Kim's teacher Mrs. Jane Wellford of the Elon College faculty who helped so enthusiastically with the choreography, and to our pastor for coordinating the whole event. We went into Holy Week with a fresh appreciation of the powerful story that gave it its name.

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CERAMICS GROUP PROVIDES COMMUNION UTENSILS

Many thanks to Sara Dodson and her ceramics group for providing us with a lovely tankard, chalice, and bread tray for use in the symbolic breaking of the bread and pouring of the wine during the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. These are in an ivory ceramic. The bread tray has wheat stalks on each end and the words "Give us this day our daily bread" around the lip. The chalice is plain and graceful. The tankard has many flattened sides and representations of some of the Apostles, one on each panel. These will receive their first use at our Maundy Thursday communion service. How meaningful to have these utensils coming from within our own church family! Be sure to examine them some time. Thank you, Sara!

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MEMORIAL DISPLAY CASE INSTALLED IN CHURCH LIBRARY

Roland and Frances Longest have given the church a beautiful large case for the display of historical memorabilia or other valuable objects, in memory of their daughter, Deanie Longest Lucas. It has been placed in the church library. The front, sides, and shelves are of glass; the back, base, and top are in wood that matches the decor of the library, and the interior of the case is illuminated from its top by hidden fluorescent lighting. It is a lovely and useful addition to our church, and we thank the Longests for it. We also thank Warren Jeffreys for helping with the ordering and installation.

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WE SALUTE THE DOLLARS

The Rev. J. C. Dollar, a member of the Elon College Community Church and the Associate Executive Director of Elon Home for Children, was elected president of the Southeastern Child Care Association at its recent annual meeting in Greensboro.

The SECCA is a 10 state regional association of group homes, residential institutions and treatment centers for abused, neglected and emotionally disturbed children.

J. C., as most of us know him, is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and is active on a state and national basis in the field of group child care. He is chairman of an accreditation team for the National Association of Homes for Children.

His wife, Carol, operates the "New-to-You" Outlet in Glen Raven for the Elon Home for Children. Their son, Scott, is an acolyte for our church.

APRIL CALENDAR

- 15 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 16 - 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
- 18 - 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
2:00 p.m. Atkinson-Spivey Wedding
- 19 - 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
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11:00 a.m. Worship Service
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2:00 p.m. Youth - Puppet Show Scenery
7:00 p.m. Youth - Puppet Show Rehearsal
- 27 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Ceramics
- 28 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 29 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 30 - 7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Exploratory Meeting

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The congregation unites in expressing sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hughes on the recent death of Gladys's brother-in-law, Mr. Marion Wilson in South Carolina.

KINDLING THOUGHTS

If you go to Jerusalem you cannot help seeing the shining golden dome of a great building on the high place known as the Temple Mount. That building is an Islamic shrine called the Dome of the Rock. Inside it is a large outcropping of rock which is the highest natural point on that hill. Moslems believe Mohammed ascended into heaven from this rock mass, and the site is sacred to them. The area that includes the Dome of the Rock and its large flagstone courtyard is sacred to Jews, too; the two great Temples of their history (Solomon's Temple ca. 960-586 B.C. and Herod's Temple ca. 20 B.C.-70 A.D.) were located therein. It is sacred to Christians, too, for Jesus was in Herod's Temple as an infant, probably as a boy, probably from time to time during his "hidden years," and on several occasions during his ministry. All three faiths reverence a still older tradition that this hill was the same Mount Moriah where God stayed Abraham's hand from sacrificing his son Isaac.

It was long thought that the present Dome of the Rock, (which was built by Moslems many centuries after the Romans destroyed Herod's Temple) sits on exactly the same site as the ancient Hebrew Temples. A few years ago, however, a physics professor in Jerusalem named Asher S. Kaufman, whose hobby is archaeology and whose specialty is the Temple, published in Biblical Archaeology Review a fascinating article that amounts to a brilliant piece of detective work, challenging that theory. Piecing together bits of archaeological, literary, and artistic evidence, he built a compelling case that the ancient Temples stood some hundred meters to the northeast of the present Dome. His task was something like deducing the outlines of two separate jigsaw puzzles, one set at a slight angle on top of the other, when about 99% of the pieces of both puzzles are missing. For Solomon's temple was built on an axis running exactly east and west, while Herod's temple was laid out at an angle 9 degrees off that line.

The most sacred part of the ancient Temple was the Holy of Holies. In Solomon's Temple, the Ark of the Covenant (which dated back to Moses and the wilderness wanderings of the Hebrews) was placed inside the Holy of Holies. Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, was believed to dwell in the space above the Ark and below the wings of the Cherubim that flanked the Ark. Only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies, and then only once a year, on the Day of Atonement. The Ark was lost when the invading Babylonians destroyed Solomon's Temple. In Jesus' day, the Holy of Holies was empty of furnishings. But the Gospel of Matthew tells us that when he died the great thick curtain which hid the Holy of Holies from the rest of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

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KINDLING THOUGHTS - con't.

Dr. Kaufman's ingenious detective work indicated that the one exactly overlapping area in the two Hebrew Temples--or to put it another way, the point at which the plat of the second Temple was rotated 9 degrees over the first--was a spot within the Holy of Holies in both temples! And where is that spot located today? Over toward the northwest corner of the present extensive flagstoned area that forms the courtyard of the Dome of the Rock. What do you find if you visit that spot? A flat outcropping of rock which is only one meter lower in elevation than the highest point of the great rock outcropping under the golden Dome. This flat rock, that shows no sign of ever having been worked, is just level with the flagstones of the courtyard.

What covers this sacred spot today, on which the Ark of the Covenant rested? A rather humble-looking ancient weathered cupola of marble and stone: eight pillars that support an octagonal structure of stonework, holding up a plain concrete dome. The magnificent Dome of the Rock in the background dominates and dwarfs this small cupola, which is so fragile it has been reinforced with iron rods across its arches, while the marble columns have had to be bound with cuffs of metal to keep them from crumbling at stress points. This cupola is known as the Dome of the Spirits, or, alternatively, the Dome of the Tablets in Arabic. (The Tablets of the Law which Moses brought down from Mount Sinai were kept in the Ark of the Covenant, a point which reinforces Dr. Kaufman's argument.)

Rediscovery of this most holy place in this presently rather out-of-the-way spot reminds me of the way God pops up in unlikely places. We construct beautiful shrines and churches and temples only to find God has gone elsewhere. We put Jesus on the Cross and the curtain rips so that we can momentarily see into the Mystery of God, but God also escapes in the process. We lay Jesus in the tomb and seal it with a great stone--and he pops up out in the garden, or in Galilee. We get up to come to church to meet God, only to find God at our breakfast table in a child's remark, or peering out at us through some story on an inside page in the Sunday paper. Moslem caretakers of the area will likely be dismayed that future non-Moslem visitors may be more interested in cutting directly over to the corner of the courtyard to see and photograph the humble Dome of the Tablets rather than their majestic Dome of the Rock. But that's always the risk when we try to freeze-frame God. Some amateur will come along and play detective and we'll find the Holy One in a different, and likely less showy, location...

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Dee Atkinson

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

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to

Mr. Michael E. Spivey

on Saturday, the eighteenth of April

nineteen hundred and eighty-seven

at two o'clock in the afternoon

Elon College Community Church

Elon College, North Carolina

Reception

immediately following ceremony

The Parish House

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ADDITIONAL PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Board of Trustees voted at its March meeting to provide four more spaces for persons with handicaps in the south parking lot, immediately adjacent to the two spaces already there. At a future time more may be added if it appears necessary. It takes three regular spaces to make two spaces for the handicapped.

Please do not park in the Fire Lane section of the parking lot. Should a fire occur, it would prohibit the fire truck from the access it needs to reach the building.

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FOOD CENTER RESTOCKED

After a recent low point, supplies in our church's Good Samaritan food pantry have rebounded somewhat. Thanks to all who have donated foods recently. Still in short supply are fruits and fruit juices, canned tomatoes, canned potatoes and yams, meats (like tuna or sardines) and stews.

Remember that loose plate offerings at Communion services go to the Good Samaritan Fund. Cash gifts are also welcome at any time.

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THE MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON, sponsored by Church Women United will be Friday, May 1st at Blessed Sacrament School. Tickets at \$3.50 each will be available from Phyllis Young. Health kits for migrant workers will be collected. Also, Shiloh Presbyterian Church has set up a room for clothing, cooking utensils, and other useful items for the migrant workers.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Mrs. Nora Griswold will be giving an Easter Egg Hunt at the Church, Saturday, April 18th at 10 a.m. All the children are invited. The youth are invited to help hide the eggs at 9:30 a.m.

Happy hunting!

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SEARCH YOUR GARAGE OR ATTIC

The Board of Christian Education would like to turn an unused classroom into a special library for children and young people. We could use some bookcases, comfortable chairs (such as bean bags) a brightly colored area rug and some big pillows. If you can help, please contact Beth Lyon.

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YOUTH NEWS

Big plans for Youth Sunday (May 10th) are now underway. It's not too late to get involved in our puppet show, "Lost and Found."

Sunday, April 26th	2:00 p.m.	Scenery painting
	7:00 p.m.	Rehearsal

Sunday, May 3rd	2:00 p.m.	Rehearsal
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Saturday, May 9th	10:00 a.m.	Rehearsal
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We also need volunteers to read the liturgy and the prayers on the 10th.

Don't forget the egg hunt, Saturday, April 18th. We need some people at 9:30 a.m. to hide eggs for the children.

Also, just around the corner is our lock-in with Pleasant Ridge and Brick UCC, in our Parish House on Friday night the 24th at 8 p.m. Bring your sleeping bag, money for breakfast, and plenty of energy.

NEEDED TO BORROW for Youth Sunday: two green or brown bedspreads. If you can help, contact Beth.

The Yellow Ribbon Department -

CHEERING SOMEONE ON

True happiness the livelong day,
Is ours, if happiness we give;
If we, along life's rugged way
Make others happy while we live.
At nightfall we may well rejoice,
When counting deeds from early dawn.
To find some word or act of ours,
Has helped in cheering someone on.

Around us there is much distress,
'Tis ever thus through all the years.
While weary, and heart loneliness
Bedims the eyes with scalding tears. .
Seek out the real unfortunates,
And cheer them on by kindness done
For e'er wondrous joy elates
When we go cheering someone on.

--George W. D'Vys.

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Congratulations to Susan Powell Finch and Stephen Thomas Ellstrom who were recently united in marriage in Raleigh, N.C. Susan is a member of our congregation and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Smith.

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES will not meet on April 20th due to the Easter Monday Holiday. This is subject to a called meeting by the Chairman if any pressing business arises.

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May 17. A special service honoring graduating seniors of Elon College. Dr. Rollin Russell, Conference Minister of the Southern Conference, will preach on "True to What We Have Attained" from Philippians 3:4-16. The Old Testament reading will be Joshua 3:1-6.

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THE CONGREGATION UNITES IN EXPRESSING SYMPATHY;

- to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farrow and family upon the recent death of their son, Alexander James Farrow.
- to Mrs. Adelia Truitt and family in the death of her brother, Brock Jones in Norfolk, Virginia.
- to Gladys Smith and her family in the death of her sister, Mrs. Elva Vestal Blake, in Johnson City, Tennessee.
- to Willard White and his family in the death of his brother-in-law, Arthur Clark of Greensboro.

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This Sunday, May 3, our Elon College choristers will join the Elon College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers to lead the morning worship service at Duke University Chapel. Dr. Ten Eyck reports that the choirs have received an annual invitation to perform at the Chapel. The service is open to the public and the Choral Prelude begins at 10:45 AM. The



The Elon College Department of Fine Arts
presents

The Concert Choir & Chamber Singers

The Choral Art: A Concert

Monday, May 11 at 8:00 p.m.

**Whitley Auditorium
Elon College Campus**

Directed by Stephen Ten Eyck
Accompanist: Carol Marguerite Link

Choral music of Beethoven, Byrd, Campbell, Duruflé,
Fink, Hassler, Haydn, Hoddinott, Le Juene, Stevens, Vecchi

***Sacred Masterworks, Madrigals, Folk Songs,
Spirituals & Jamaican Music***

—Ars longa vita brevis—

following Monday evening, the college choirs will present the last concert of the 1986-87 season. Entitled The Choral Art: A Concert it promises to be an event that you won't want to miss. Please come and support your friends of the choir.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 - Wendy D. Terrell | 17 - Mary G. Butler |
| 3 - Earl W. Vickers, Jr. | Graham L. Oxford |
| 4 - Nancy B. Martin | 18 - John D. Schmidt |
| Timothy Marsh McLelland | 19 - Ruth Hurst |
| Carey Andes | Carrie E. McLelland |
| Pam Dann | 20 - Tim Parker |
| Ann C. Finch | 21 - Howard H. Edgerton |
| 5 - Florance H. Smith | Michelle Hutchins |
| 6 - Robert L. Shomaker | 22 - Sue W. Colclough |
| 7 - David Seamster | Heidi B. Danieleley |
| 10 - James L. Dixon | Tyler Smith Holt |
| Beth Barbee | 24 - Matt Maggio |
| 11 - Pattie M. Wall | 26 - Estelle L. Perry |
| 13 - Mark Albertson | Gladys S. Vickers |
| 14 - Laurie J. Pendergrass | 29 - William P. Smith |
| 15 - Susan P. Rose | 31 - Edith Brannock |
| 16 - Marion V. Underhill | Kay Hensley |
| | John M. Irvine, Jr. |

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

On May 3, 1987, the Men's Fellowship will have a breakfast meeting at the Twin Lakes Center at 8:00 a.m. We will meet in the Church Parish House parking lot at 7:45 a.m. to share-the-ride to the Center. There will be a guest speaker from the Center to tell us about the facilities.

KINDLING THOUGHTS

Our brief trip north over the past few days provided a continuing visual feast. Dogwoods, azaleas, tulips, redbuds, and many other flowers made the suburbs of Philadelphia, Washington, and Richmond endlessly enticing. The countryside was lush green everywhere. In southeastern Pennsylvania we spent four memorable hours in Longwood, the former DuPont estate, which has extensive formal and informal gardens, various kinds of reflecting pools and lakes, and an immense conservatory with unbelievable varieties of flowers. In the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History we saw a major art show by the Canadian nature painter Robert Bateman which was like taking a tour to all the continents of the world. His ability to place animals and birds just right in settings of awesome grandeur or intimate charm is unsurpassed.

But the most interesting sight, to me, out of all this visual splendor, was in the home of Nancy Lu's college roommate at Devon, Pa., where we spent a night after my eye exam (everything is fine on that score). Nena Bryans discovered after she was past forty a passion for sculpting. In her little studio which takes up the garage of her suburban home, she has produced some fine work. A bronze statue of the disciple Thomas reaching out his fingers to put them into the spear wound in the risen Christ's side, Thomas' body forming a great and wondrous arc from the toes of his back foot up through his outstretched fingers, and his face blazing with awe, was as rich as any sermon I could have heard on that passage. (In fact, the Thomas incident happened to be the lectionary passage for last Sunday, and I did hear a sermon preached on it in a church in Arlington.) But even that was not as astonishing as another creation of hers, which has as its background an unusual episode.

Back in January Nena was entertaining guests in her home one evening when she suddenly experienced a great pounding in her heart. Her family rushed her to the hospital where she stayed five days. She never did have a heart attack and never did find out what had caused it with the possible exception that her potassium level was out of order. Toward the end of that period she experienced some very vivid dreams about being on water in a storm. "I was never really healed from this experience," she said, "until I came home from the hospital and I immediately got my hands into some hot water and began working with some wax; and this was the result." She pointed to a wooden stand with a piece of wood dividing it into two

KINDLING THOUGHTS - con't.

sides. On one side of this center piece was--in rough, unfinished wax--a small boat with four or five men in it, a sail almost blown away by the wind, and huge waves coming up on each side curling inward. They looked something like a cross between mighty hands ready to crush the vessel and huge scallop shells about to clamp shut and draw it into the depths, yet they were clearly waves. On the bottom of the boat, face down, head resting on one arm, and utterly at peace, lay a man whom two of the others, kneeling, were trying to waken. One man, standing, dominated the boat. He was looking upward with his mouth open in a mixture of horror and despair and fear, his arms raised in supplication. The unfinished nature of the wax made the chaotic effect of his face--and indeed the entire scene--even more powerful.

Then, on the other side of the upright piece of wood dividing the base, was the same boat on a calm sea, and a different figure standing up with his arms straight out in a commanding gesture, and the others, crouched, looking out on the quiet scene. The two scenes were wildly different.

When Moses came down from the mountain to find that Aaron had made a golden calf for the people to worship, he called Aaron to account. Aaron's account (Exodus 32:24) included this odd statement: "And I said to (the people), 'Let any who have gold take it off'; so they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and there came out this calf." I have always snickered a little, reading that explanation. But was Aaron only trying to evade responsibility for his actions? I must confess I now see a somewhat new dimension to Aaron's response. Something powerful moves through the artist. It may be demonic, as was the case with Aaron, or it may be health-giving. Nena's testimony to the healing power of the process of creation that came out of her scary episode I found as moving as her sculptures of Christ stilling the storms themselves: "I was not really healed until I could get home and put my hands in hot water and begin working with wax." Art has to do with power and mystery. I rejoice that Christians like our friend Nena are open channels for that power and mystery, and that it can be healing. Sculpt on, Nena.

MAY CALENDAR

- 3 - 8:00 a.m. - Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Twin Lakes
9:45 a.m. - Church School
10:15 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
12:00 p.m. - Youth Sunday Planning Committee
2:00 p.m. - Youth Puppet Show Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. - Board of Christian Education
- 4 - 10:30 a.m. - Circles I & II - Church
7:00 p.m. - Ceramics
7:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
7:30 p.m. - Circle III - Jane Alexander
- 5 - 3:30 p.m. - Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Circle IV - Church Library
- 6 - 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7 - 9 - SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING - Virginia Beach
- 9 - 10:00 a.m. - Youth Sunday Rehearsal
- 10 - 9:45 a.m. - Church School
10:15 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
5:00 p.m. - Board of Missions
7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons
- 11 - 7:00 p.m. - Ceramics
7:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
- 12 - 3:30 p.m. - Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts
- 13 - 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 17 - 9:45 a.m. - Church School
10:15 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 18 - 7:00 p.m. - Ceramics
7:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees

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- 19 - 3:30 p.m. - Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts
- 20 - 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 24 - 9:45 a.m. - Church School
10:15 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 25 - 7:00 p.m. - Ceramics
7:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
- 26 - 3:30 p.m. - Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts
- 27 - 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

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BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

March 1, 1987 - April 27, 1987

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Mr. Brock Jones
Adult Sunday School Class
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

Mr. Marion Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Hughes
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

Mrs. Elva Vestal Blake
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

Lois M. Bost,
Building Fund Treasurer
April 17, 1987



Sunday, May 3 - There will be a Puppet Show rehearsal at 2:00 p.m. for all those who wish to work puppets. Eleven people are needed. Following the rehearsal we will paint scenery.

Saturday, May 9 - Puppet Show rehearsal at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 10 - YOUTH SUNDAY.

Saturday, May 16 - Bread and Water Festival in Raleigh 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. A day of music and dance for youth and young adults to benefit the Food Bank of North Carolina and WRAL Project Tanzania. If you would like to go, see Beth.

The Children's Library still needs shelves and chairs. We could also use some pictures that would be appealing to children for the walls.

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OFFICE HOURS MOVING

I will be moving my office hours to Wednesday evenings. This will continue through the fall. If this causes a problem for anyone please let me know.

Beth Lyon

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mark and Jane Danieleley Shutt and older brother, Jonathan on the birth of Daniel Lee Shutt born on April 26, 1987 in Charlotte. Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieleley are the maternal grandparents.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
May 3	M/M E. W. Brafford	M. Albertson/B. Harper	Cheek
10	Mrs. Howard Richardson Mrs. Jack Hayward	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Oxford
17	M/M Howard Edgerton	Katie & Jamie Brown	Reynolds
24	M/M Bill Barbee	T. Loy/R. Harris	Overton
31	M/M Bill Blanchard	Shannon Albertson	Terrell

Nursery during 11:00 a.m. Service, assisting Kristin Wilkins.

May 3 - Bobbie Scarlatta	24 - Phyllis Young
10 - Nell Snyder	31 - Phyllis Young
17 - Verona Danieleley	

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May 3	Fred Young, Mike Mayse, Robert Kittenger, Mike Gregory.
10	Jeff Wilkins, Robin Woody, Holt Sutton, Steve Perry.
17	J. L. Dixon, William P. Smith, Charles Liscum, Tim Parker, Howard Edgerton.
24	Mark Danieleley, Jim Lyon, Martin Shotzberger.
31	Del Atkinson, D. D. Atkinson, George Troxler, Ed Simons, Walter Boyd, Jim Underhill.

APRIL STATISTICS

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Single Pledge</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Bene- volences</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
April 5	115	\$ 679.00	\$2,201.21	\$ 352.50	\$ 21.50
12	188	213.50	914.67	117.50	32.50
16	54 (Maundy Thursday)				
19	268	509.50	1,060.32	144.50	131.50
26	<u>93</u>	<u>63.50</u>	<u>490.31</u>	<u>110.00</u>	<u>5.50</u>
Totals	718	\$1,465.50	\$4,666.51	\$ 724.50	\$191.00

	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Benevolences</u>
Annual Budget	\$93,893.00	\$11,965.00
Budget to date	31,297.68	3,988.32
Receipts to date	30,516.00	3,625.50

Challenge gifts for April:

Habitat for Humanity	\$ 25.00
Elon College Pride II Campaign	147.00
Good Samaritan Fund	90.00

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

May 17. A special service honoring graduating seniors of Elon College. Dr. Rollin Russell, Conference Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, will preach on "True to What We Have Attained" from Philippians 3:4-16. The Old Testament reading is Joshua 3:1-6. Hymns include "From All That Dwell Below the Skies," the hymn of the month "O Master Workman of the Race," and a different text to the tune of "Lead On, O King Eternal."

May 24. Dr. Irvine will preach on "The Silent Christ." Scriptures: Matthew 15:21-28, Luke 23:1-12, and Matthew 27:11-14. Hymns will be "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," "O Master Workman of the Race," and "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

May 31. Ascension Sunday. Dr. Irvine will preach on "Out of This World?" from Acts 1:6-14. Hymns to be sung are "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "O Master Workman of the Race," and "Crown Him With Many Crowns."

June 7. Pentecost. Wear something red to church, in honor of the flames of the Holy Spirit! The sermon will be entitled "The Real Cure for Boredom." Read Acts 2:1-21. Hymns will include "The God of Abraham Praise," "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine," and "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me."

MAY CALENDAR

- 13 - 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 17 - 9:45 a.m. - Church School
10:15 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 18 - 7:00 p.m. - Ceramics
7:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Board of Trustees
- 19 - 10:30 a.m. - Fun Club
3:30 p.m. - Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts
- 20 - 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 24 - 9:45 a.m. - Church School
10:15 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - Family Picnic
8:00 p.m. - Peace Vigil - Graham Court House
- 25 - 7:00 p.m. - Ceramics
7:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee
- 26 - 3:30 p.m. - Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts
- 27 - 6:30 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. - Habitat for Humanity Exploratory Group
- 31 - 9:45 a.m. - Church School
10:15 a.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
7:00 p.m. - Board of Christian Education

Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will attend the Retreat for Clergy and Spouses of the Southern Conference at Camp Betsy-Jeff Penn near Reidsville, May 18-20. The subject will be "The Authority of the Bible" and the retreat leader will be Dr. Paul Achtemeier of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.



COVERED DISH FAMILY PICNIC

The Board of Christian Education is sponsoring a covered dish family picnic at the home of Carol and J. C. Dollar on Sunday, May 24, starting at 4:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish; beverages will be provided.

Volleyball, badminton, ping pong and other games will be available for all ages. Young children may bring a riding toy if desired.

This event is planned especially for the younger members of the church but all are welcome. Please call Sue Brown

(584-1187), Nancy Lu Irvine (584-9198 or Lou Harper (584-6535) to get your name in the pot!

The Dollars live on Spanish Oak Road, Elon College (first house on the right). Rain date is the following Sunday, May 31.

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SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

Summer is almost here again and the time for Summer Church School. Beginning Sunday, June 7 the Seekers Class and all the children and youth will be combined into an Intergenerational Class which will meet in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome, especially if you are not part of a regular church school class. Now is a good time to try out a new church school experience. Our first few lessons will be on "Pentecost" and the remainder of the summer will be on "The Bible, Who? What? Where? When? Why?" The class will run through the last Sunday in August.

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The Board of Christian Education will meet Sunday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. This will replace our June meeting.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR WORSHIP

From a Lutheran minister in Salisbury some years back came this versified set of "Ten Commandments for Church Etiquette"; it was his hope that obedience to these would prevent worshippers from becoming "holy terrors" in the pew. They bear republishing from time to time:

Thou shalt not come to service late,
nor for the "Amen" refuse to wait.
Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain
when speaks the organ its refrain.
And when the hymns are sounded out,
thou shalt join in, not look about.
The endmost seat thou shalt leave free,
for more to share the pew with thee.
Forget not thou the offering plate,
nor let the usher stand and wait.
Thou shalt not make the pew a place
to vainly decorate thy face.
Thou shalt give heed to worship well,
and not on thine own business dwell.
Thou shalt the Sabbath not misuse,
nor come to church to take thy snooze.
'Tis well in church thy friend to meet;
but let thine ardor be discreet.
Be friendly at the church's door;
so shall the stranger love God more.

The congregation unites in expressing sympathy to Mrs. Bertha Phillips and family on the death of her sister, Mrs. Jennie Underwood on May 11, 1987 at the Skilled Nursing Division of Memorial Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS to Eddie and Patricia Oliver on the birth of their daughter, Ashton Elaine Oliver, on May 4, 1987. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Nora Griswold.

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KINDLING THOUGHTS

A child comes home from Sunday School and Daddy asks, "What did you learn today?" The child answers, "General Moses led the Israelites to the Red Sea. He ordered up air cover. He had a pontoon bridge built across it. And he put a rear guard in position to protect them while the people went over the bridge." Daddy exclaims, "That's impossible! Your teacher couldn't have said that. What did she really say?" "Tell you what, Daddy," the child replies, "if you don't believe that, you sure 'nough won't believe what she really said."

This is the liturgical season where it's hard to "sure 'nough believe what was really said" in the Bible. The Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, and those various stories of his appearing to his disciples? His Ascension into heaven? And the coming of the Holy Spirit in power at Pentecost upon his followers, with sounds of a mighty wind, and tongues of flame over their heads (which the wind did not blow out!) and the ability to understand speech in different languages? The outsider to the faith may be pardoned for thinking a lot of weird stuff was going on in Jerusalem and its environs after the crucifixion of Jesus!

The important thing to remember is not in the details of just how these events took place. The Exodus is not really about how water gets piled up, or "blown back into a wall," but about how a powerless group of slaves are sprung free when they did not expect to be because they had enough faith to follow a visionary inspired by a vision of a God whose will was that slaves should live in freedom. The Resurrection is not really about how "amino acids re-knit themselves" as much as it is about that same God's refusal to allow one who trusted in that God to be defeated by evil. The Ascension is not so much about the overcoming of gravity as it is the setting of that same faith-full man at the very power center of the universe, so that all who live in faith can have a common center. The coming of the Spirit is not so much about wind and fire and language as it is about empowerment of those who seek to follow that Jesus, so that their capacity to cross the divisions between persons is enhanced and the Church may be made real.

The great Scots writer George MacDonald once said, "The miracles of Jesus were the ordinary works of His Father, wrought small and swift that we might take them in....In all His miracles He did only in miniature what His Father does ever in the great. Poor, indeed, was the making of the wine in the...pots of stone, compared with its making

KINDLING THOUGHTS - continued

in the lovely growth of the vine with its clusters of swelling grapes-- the live roots gathering from the earth the water that had to be borne in pitchers and poured into the great vases; but it is precious as the interpreter of the same, even in its being the outcome of Our Lord's sympathy with ordinary human understanding."

The Exodus, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and Pentecost are likewise "signs wrought small and swift" of the greater works of God which occur around us if we have eyes to see: the setting free of those who have been enslaved, say to alcoholism, by the love and discipline of Alcoholics Anonymous; the rising to new life when we have felt trapped in deadness; the honoring of that which is perfectly worthy, for sooner or later truth will be recognized for what it is; and the empowerment we receive to do something we thought we were too weak to do. Why, when miracles go on all around us, do we have such trouble with details, for heaven's sake?

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HABITAT NEWS

On Thursday evening, April 30th, the first exploratory meeting to see if there is interest in developing a Habitat for Humanity affiliate for Alamance County was held in our Parish House. An enthusiastic group of sixteen persons was present, including the following from our congregation: Richard McBride, Susan Brown, Beth Wilkins, and our pastor. A welcome range of expertises was evident in the group.

After some discussion of appropriate first steps, the group agreed to meet monthly on the last Thursday evening at 7:30. Various members agreed to interview community leaders who were familiar with the need for housing in both Burlington and Alamance County. At the next meeting on May 28th, we will hope to have with us those people who spoke on February 15th from the Orange County and Winston-Salem Habitat groups to give us their insights into getting started. The Americus headquarters will be asked to mail cards to the full mailing list again for that meeting and money was collected to pay for it. We hope the group will grow as a result. More people from our church would be good too.

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ATTENTION CIRCLES OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

Concerning the Birthday Party on May 21st at the Central Piedmont Nursing Center. We would like volunteers to make pound cakes (no frosting), bring chips and lemonade. If they could be delivered to the church office between May 17th and 19th, Mrs. Barbara Eyes will pick up. Please let her know if anyone wishes to volunteer to help. (584-3879).

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FUN CLUB NEWS

The Fun Club will meet at the Parish House on Tuesday morning, May 19th at 10:30. Bring a sandwich - the rest of the "light lunch" will be provided.

For our program we will take a delightful trip across North Carolina via a beautiful motion picture. (This is the next best thing to actually making the trip).

We hope the weather will be pleasant that day and that all our members will come ready for a good time.

Mary Kimball, President

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Oh, The Joy of Having Friends!

The Women's Fellowship will have a Covered Dish Supper in the Parish House on Monday evening, June 1st at 6 o'clock.

The evening will be a CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP. We hope every member of the Fellowship will invite a friend to come with her.

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PEACE VIGIL MAY 24th

The Peacemakers of Alamance County, a sub-group of the Allied Churches of Alamance County, will hold their annual Peace Vigil on May 24th at the Court House Square in Graham. The worship service will begin at 8:00 p.m. Joe Moran, who works for CROP in Durham, will be the speaker. Following the service, a vigil will continue through the night.

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June 7. Pentecost.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "The Real Cure for Boredom" from Acts 2:1-11. WEAR SOMETHING RED TO CHURCH as this is the only Sunday in the church year when red (for the flames of the Holy Spirit distributed over the heads of the believers at Pentecost) is the liturgical color of the day. Hymns to be sung are "The God of Abraham Praise," "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine," and "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me."

June 14. Communion.

This will be a joint worship service with the women who will be attending the annual Women's Summer Conference of the Southern Conference at Elon College. The Rev. Beth Davis, formerly of our church staff, will be the preacher. Her sermon will be entitled "Stretching the Heart" based on Luke 7:36-50. The Rev. Beth Lyon will administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Hymns will include "Holy! Holy! Holy!," "Let Us Break Bread Together," and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling."

June 21.

Dr. Irvine will be preaching on "God and Laughter." Read Psalm 2:1-4, Psalm 126:1-2, and Luke 1:51-53. Hymns will include "All Creatures of Our God and King," "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart," and "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

June 28.

Our pastor will preach on "The Rewards of the Christian Life." Scriptures are II Kings 4:8-16, Romans 6:1-11, and Matthew 10:37-42. Hymns will be "O Worship the King," "More Love to Thee, O Christ," and "Jesus Calls Us."

HABITAT NEWS

The fledgling group of people looking toward beginning a Habitat for Humanity project in Alamance County met on Thursday, May 28th, at our church. Fifteen people had been at the first meeting April 30th; fourteen were present at the May meeting, including five new people. The group listened to David Matthews, a layman active in the Forsyth County Habitat for Humanity Project, tell about the way his group got under way, some of the pitfalls it encountered, and give some helpful advice out of his learnings. After this there was considerable enthusiasm to go forward. The group divided itself into committees (site selection, family selection, finance/fund raising, building, and publicity), elected John Irvine chairman, and set its next meeting for Thursday evening, July 2nd, at 7:30. Anybody wishing to come aboard this enterprise is welcome!

FURTHER HABITAT NOTES:

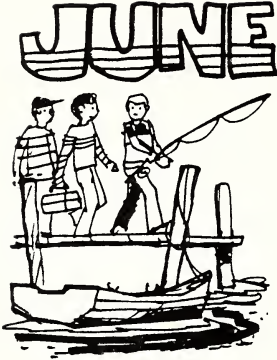
The introduction our pastor gave to Millard Fuller when he spoke here at worship in February, somewhat altered, appeared as an article in the June quarterly issue of Habitat World, the Habitat for Humanity newspaper. Its title: "Sparrows, Finches, Habitat all flying right for success."

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JOHN BARBEE IS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

A letter from the Rev. John Settlemire, chairperson of the Burlington District Men's Fellowship Scholarship Committee, indicates that John Barbee of our congregation was chosen as one of the 1987 recipients of the scholarships to be given by the Men's Fellowship. The Scholarship is in the amount of \$500. Congratulations, John! John plans to attend UNC-Greensboro next fall.

JUNE CALENDAR



1 - Women's Fellowship Covered
Dish Dinner

7 - 9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
4:00 p.m. - Magnolia Memorial
Service - First
Baptist

9 - 7:30 p.m. - Church Council

12-14 - Southern Conference Women's Meeting

14 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Board of Missions
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

15 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

21 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

22-26 Cub Scout Camp

28 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

30 - 7:30 p.m. Worship Committee

WE'VE HEARD FROM OUR MISSIONARIES!

Since the last issue of the TORCH we have received two letters from Peter Millard and Emily Wesson, the UCC medical missionaries at Mt. Selinda in Zimbabwe, Africa, with whom our church has established a special missionary relationship. We will quote from the first letter in this issue, and from the second in the next. Peter wrote a personal air mail letter on May 10th and in it enclosed two photographs which we will post with the letter on the bulletin board near the office door. Here is most of it:

Dear John,

Thanks so much for your letter. We have enjoyed receiving the Torch and have been moved by the accounts of Alex Farrow's courageous struggle with neuroblastoma. We did include you in our recent stewardship letter (Peter is referring to the regular mode of missionary correspondence with churches back home through the UCC Stewardship Council, which mails out mimeographed copies of these letters to churches on a specific missionary's mailing list) which you will hopefully receive soon, but were putting off writing until now. We are very pleased to have established a relationship with you and would be happy to keep in touch. Although we do write to many churches and individuals at home, you are the only church to have actually established a missionary relationship with us, so that is something special.

Our work here has been a tremendous experience for the whole family, but there have been some tremendous frustrations at the same time and it has been a real struggle to keep the hospital from falling in on everyone's heads. I do curative work in the hospital (mainly pediatrics and maternity), visit about 10 outlying clinics which are run by nurses (to supervise and teach) including one just over the border in Mozambique, and am working on an exciting water project at the mission clinic (about 10 miles away) to bring clean water to the clinic and the school (1000 students) by capping existing springs and hooking them up to a hydraulic ram pump (some of your church members may know what it is--it uses no external energy source). I am also just beginning to visit the large commercial coffee and tea estates in the area, to check on living conditions and water and sanitation for the workers. We have no real power to force the owners to improve things, but with us looking over their shoulders they should be a little more conscientious about taking care of their workers who usually live in

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compounds on the farm. Emily is in charge of premature nursery and the orphanage, helps out in maternity and generally gets involved in distributing used clothes that are sent by US churches (labelled "used clothes--for free distribution by mission hospital") and other small projects. Our 2 children, Cameron (4 and 1/2) and Maria (2 and 1/2) go to preschool and have lots of friends among the teachers' children. Besides ourselves, the other two doctors are foreigners and there are a couple of Canadian families and an English family who teach at the school. We are happy that the kids play mostly with the Africans, since they are much more polite than the white children!....

It was wonderful to hear from you and I hope we can write regularly. I won't include any more details just now, as they are contained in the latest stewardship letter...God bless you. Sorry we don't have a snap of the whole family. We'll try and send one soon.

Peter & Emily

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|
| 2 - John Barbee
Adam R. Shull
Pearl Smith | 19 - Eugene S. Lankford
Nora Griswold
Shirley I. Beyer |
| 3 - Juanita Loy
Mary Shaw Cunningham | 20 - Jeremy Noel Allen |
| 4 - James Moncure | 21 - Reuben Seamster
Catherine Fogleman
Venita Edwards
Chad MacKenzie |
| 5 - Scotty Law | 22 - Sibyl I. White |
| 6 - Pam M. Kiser | 23 - Alison Nicole Kiser |
| 7 - Walter Y. Boyd
James Oyerton | 25 - David M. McLelland, Jr. |
| 8 - Paul S. Reddish
Susan P. Finch | 27 - Nathan Artley
Nancy B. Wills |
| 11 - Bradley Denny | 29 - Lucille D. Howard
David L. Brown |
| 12 - June Tallon | 30 - Jody Edgerton |
| 15 - Robin Woody | |
| 17 - Virginia E. Richardson
Andy Powell | |

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To the many delightful and understanding people, who through their various thoughts and remembrances, have contributed to the consolation given to me as well as Dorothy, during my recent stay in the hospital, I prayerfully thank each and every one of you.

Kenneth Clem

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
June 7	M/M Louis Wilkins	M. Albertson/B. Harper	Mayse
14	M/M Marsh McLelland	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Truitt
21	D/M James Moncure	Katie & Jamie Brown	K. Hughes
28	Della Scott/Lois Luke	T. Loy/R. Harris	W. Hughes

Nursery during 11:00 a.m. Service, assisting Kristin Wilkins.

June 7 - Heidi Danieleley	21 - Marie Wilkins
14 - Mona Atkinson	28 - Carol Dollar

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June 7	Fred Young, Mike Mayse, Robert Kittenger, Mike Gregory.
14	Jeff Wilkins, Robin Woody, Holt Sutton, Steve Perry.
21	J. L. Dixon, William P. Smith, Charles Liscum, Tim Parker, Howard Edgerton.
28	Mark Danieleley, Jim Lyon, Martin Shotzberger.

MAY STATISTICS

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Single Pledge</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Bene- volences</u>	<u>Build- Fund</u>
May 3	118	\$ 254.50	\$1,829.82	\$ 520.00	\$ 13.50
10	133	723.00	861.08	113.50	45.50
17	158	458.50	1,366.50	211.50	74.00
24	123	460.50	614.65	182.50	57.00
31	<u>101</u>	<u>195.00</u>	<u>1,135.85</u>	<u>144.00</u>	<u>11.50</u>
Totals	633	\$2,091.50	\$5,807.90	\$1,171.50	\$201.50

	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Benevolences</u>
Annual Budget	\$93,893.00	\$11,965.00
Budget to date	39,122.10	4,985.40
Receipts to date	38,415.40	4,797.00

Challenge gifts for May:

Children's Library	\$61.00
Elon College Pride II Campaign	80.00
Good Samaritan Fund	10.00

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June 28. The sermon will be on "The Rewards of the Christian Life;" the scripture readings are II Kings 4:8-16, Romans 6:1-11, and Matthew 10:37-42. The hymns will include "O Worship the King," "More Love to Thee, O Christ," and "Jesus Calls Us."

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July 12th will be a Communion Sunday.

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LETTER FROM OUR MISSIONARIES, PETER MILLARD AND EMILY WESSON,
AT WILLIS PIERCE HOSPITAL IN MT. SELINDA, ZIMBABWE
(this letter was written in February 1987)

We are now halfway through our first term with the United Church Board for World Ministries and will complete it and return to the U.S., at least for a time, in August of '88...

Things have become significantly worse for the destitute people in this region over the last six months and we have certainly felt the strain of witnessing their misery. It has been a drought year, the driest rainy season in Chipinge district for thirty years, and the February harvest was a disaster. The pediatric ward is a tragic sight. We have 100 patients on the ward now, almost all of whom are starving. Some are a year old and weigh the same as a newborn baby; others are so edematous that they can't see because their eyes are swollen shut. We have averaged one death a day this week on pediatrics. For a time, the hospital could not afford sufficient food to feed them so Emily and I went into the egg business, buying eggs from local people with money from churches at home and giving them to the nurse for the patients. Now the hospital's own hens are laying so the problem is solved, but the next crisis is undoubtedly just around the corner.

February is usually a hungry time of year because it is just before the harvest, but this year the situation is not getting better since the harvest was so poor. It is made worse by a steady stream of refugees from Mozambique who are escaping famine and war there, only to find misery here trying to survive on the starvation wages paid for farm labor on the commercial estates. Zimbabwe is a rich agricultural country and has such abundant grain stores that they asked farmers to reduce the amount of corn they grew this year by fifty percent (note: in England, wheat is referred to as corn, and some of England's former colonies still maintain that usage). There is no scarcity of food, only a scarcity of money to buy it. In fact, many of the irrigated, commercial farms that grow tea, coffee, and tobacco for export had an acceptable year. But even in a good year, many of the workers' children starve since it is almost impossible to survive on two cents a kg for picking coffee or tea.

LETTER FROM OUR MISSIONARIES - continued -

When these same workers' children come to the hospital with kwashiorkor, we feed them on milk from Canada and corn-soya porridge from the U.S. It would seem to make sense to give the land back to the people and let them produce food for themselves, but even in progressive Zimbabwe that is an impossibility. Land reform has been tried in many countries with failure. Each time it has led to a decrease in export earnings, which had led to a shortage of foreign exchange and the inability to import vital items like medicines, consumer goods, and industrial inputs. Productivity then falls and the next thing a country knows the IMF is knocking on the door with a new set of "austerity measures." In Zambia, for example, this led to a doubling of the price of essential foodstuffs, riots, and looting in the streets. Zimbabwe, which has to pay western banks 30% of all export earnings to service the national debt, has no choice but to encourage maximal exports of coffee, tea, and tobacco from Chipinge district. There we have it: while trucks leave the district with coffee for export, other trucks enter the district with food to feed the children of the coffee pickers who are starving in Mt. Selinda Hospital. That is why Robert Mugabe, as head of the Non-Aligned Movement, is constantly denouncing the IMF and World Bank as representatives of a new imperialism and calling for a new world economic order.

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CALENDAR

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 22-26 - Cub Scout Camp
- 28 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Board of Missions
- 30 - 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - Pack Family Softball/
Volleyball Event
7:30 p.m. Worship Committee
- July 2 - 7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Group
- 5 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 8 - 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee

FREEBIES

Context. How interesting things appear when viewed in context! They become multidimensional and less simple, but more wonderful. The robins in the parsonage yard are more amazing when I consider their defense of their chosen territory against other pairs of robins, and singletons. On the other hand, the "teenager" robins with their speckled breasts, though full size now and presumably voraciously hungry like human teenagers, are not driven away, though I suspect their parents are working on a second brood by now. Why not? Perhaps because the yard's food supply is now increasing, with the red cherries ripe and the chokecherries beginning to ripen. (Life is just a bowl of cherries in June and July if you're a bird in the parsonage yard! But the ground must be surging with life also, or the robins would not be spending so much time running across it.)

The ability of the yard to sustain not only robins but grackles, starlings, blue jays, cardinals, mockingbirds, and mourning doves, all of which spend much time on the grass near the garden, depends on the fact that the food requirements of each species are not quite the same and thus none need compete directly to drive the others away. God bless variety! Seeing things in context enriches the understanding and gives cause for praise.

"And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days . . ."

I've heard that couplet often, and am reminded of it so often in this month of wonders, especially after a cold front has passed. But recently I came across the context of those lines again, after an absence of many years. Here is how James Russell Lowell led into those famous verses:

"Earth gets its price for what Earth gives us;
The beggar is taxed for a corner to die in;
The priest hath his fee who comes and shrives us,
We bargain for the graves we lie in.
At the devil's booth are all things sold,
Each ounce of dross costs its ounce of gold;
For a cap and bells our lives we pay,
Bubbles we buy with a whole soul's tasking;
'Tis heaven alone that is given away,
'Tis only God may be had for the asking;
No price is set on the lavish summer;
June may be had by the poorest comer."

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FREEBIES - continued -

The economists say, "There is no such thing as a free lunch." I guess that's true. It's part of the context of our world. It may even be true for the birds. It cost somebody something to have a parsonage lawn, and cherry and chokecherry trees, and a garden. But if ever there were a month when you could believe in grace--unmerited favor, freebies, unearned salvation--it would be June, wouldn't it? With cherries in such abundance, and the surging garden, and the parsonage yard like Grand Central Station for the birds . . .

JMI

RECENT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN OUR PARISH

It turns out there were a number of wedding anniversaries this past weekend among our members.

On Friday, June 12th, Al and Ruth Hurst celebrated their 63rd! We were all delighted that Ruth was home from the hospital in time for the occasion, and pleased that she was well enough to come to worship with Al on Sunday. They were warmly applauded by the congregation.

Sunday, June 14th, was the 50th wedding anniversary for George and Clara Noah, and they greeted many friends and relatives at a reception in our Parish House.

Sunday was also the 43rd anniversary for Jim and Marion Underhill, and the 35th anniversary for Jim and Jane Moncure.

Congratulations and many happy returns to these couples, and to any others whose anniversaries we did not hear about!

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Our thanks and appreciation to Marsh McLelland for the painting of many of the windows of the church which were badly in need of paint.

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UPLANDS CHANGES NAME

Uplands, located at Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, is now Uplands Retirement Village, reflecting more accurately the work being done there. Under the leadership of Edward V. Dahmer, the Executive Director for the last 10 years, the nursing home's beds-in-use have increased from 62 to 76, eleven homes have been built on life-leased land and several privately owned properties have been acquired. Twenty rental apartments, eight condominium apartments and the 30-person Fletcher House have been built. Heritage Hall has been acquired and remodeled to provide offices and meeting rooms.

A new staff assistant will permit Mr. Dahmer to give major time to development, including public relations and fund-raising.

Recent newcomers to Uplands Retirement Village are musicians, artists, ministers and spouses, volunteer workers overseas, family social workers, public health nutritionist, educators, and missionaries.

Glenn S. Miller was recently honored for his 25 years of service as a member of the Board of Directors, 17 of which he was chairman. "Few institutions are privileged to benefit from such unremitting dedication and quiet, unassuming leadership by one individual as he has continuously devoted to Uplands welfare and progress," said Mr. Dahmer.

Uplands Retirement Village is in "Challenge Gifts" part of the budget of Elon College Community Church for \$200.

W. J. Andes

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July 19th. The Youth Festirama participants, senior high young people from all over the Southern Conference, who will have been at Elon College that weekend, will join us for worship as the closing event on their schedule. The Rev. Richard McBride will preach. More on this in the next TORCH.

July 26th. Dr. Irvine's sermon will be on the text from Psalm 42:7, "Deep calls to deep at the thunder of thy cataracts," and will be entitled "God's Waterfalls." The Hymn of the Month will be sung, along with "O Worship the King" and "This is My Father's World."

JULY CALENDAR

- July 2 - 7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Group
- July 5 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- July 6 - 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee - Men's Fellowship
- July 8 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee
- July 12 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons
- July 19 -- 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- July 20 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- July 26 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- JULY 27 - 31 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



CHALLENGE GIFTS - June 30, 1987

<u>Missions</u>		<u>Received</u>
Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds	\$150.00	
Johns River Valley Camp	150.00	
Elon College	1,000.00	\$227.00
Uplands Retirement Center	200.00	
Habitat for Humanity	300.00	545.87
Prison Ministry	50.00	
Lancaster Theological Seminary	100.00	
<u>Worship and Eyangelism</u>		
Devotional Materials	125.00	
Guest Musicians	450.00	100.00
Choir robes, cleaning	300.00	
<u>Christian Education</u>		
Leadership training	150.00	
Library Books for Children	200.00	261.00
Youth Travel	300.00	
Cub Scouting	75.00	75.00
Girl Scouting	25.00	25.00
<u>Leadership and Coordination</u>		
Speaker - Budget Committee	100.00	

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Holt Sutton	15 - Gray Lackey
3 - Frances Longest Dewey T. Holt	17 - Bill Barbee
4 - Kim Shomaker Jefferson D. Wilkins III	20 - Sue Brown
6 - Mark S. Danieleley	21 - Winifred Barney Robert C. Baxter Reuben E. Seamster
7 - Jeff D. Wilkins	22 - Irma R. Seamster
8 - Josie Huey	23 - Phyllis Newnam
9 - Rita D. Snyder Tom Edgerton Earl Parker	24 - Fred Holt Wayne Bunting
10 - Kenneth Stickles Charlotte H. Bolton	25 - Jackie Pendergrass Chris Vickers
11 - Lou Harper Lisa Johnston	28 - J. Earl Danieleley Cindy Rinker Lamond
13 - George W. Colclough Adelia J. Truitt	29 - David B. Young
	30 - Lorene Lyon
	31 - Caroline Y. Powell

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HYMNS FOR ALL SEASONS

Golfer's Hymn: "There is a Green Hill Far Away"
Dentist's Hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"
Obstetricians's Hymn: "Come, Labor On"
Aerobic's Hymn: "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"
Swiss Cheesemaker's Hymn: "Holy! Holy! Holy!"
Gossiper's Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"
Contractor's Hymn: "We Would Be Building"
Power Company's Hymn: "Let There Be Light"
Hymn for a Hangover: "Open My Eyes That I May See"
Senior Citizen's Hymn: "As With Gladness, Men of Old"

SNOW CAMP CHILDRENS' THEATER

JULY 15

Church families along with Cub Scout and Brownie Scout families will have an "Elon night" at the Snow Camp Children's Theater on Wednesday, July 15. The play begins at 8:30 p.m. Maps will be available in the church office for those who wish to arrive in time for a picnic (tables and refreshments are available at the site). The rest of us will leave the church parking lot promptly at 7:15--in time to get an ice cream cone and visit the craft displays before seeing this year's production, THE PIED PIPER and RUMPELSTILTSKIN. The cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12.

George Troxler

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UCC GENERAL SYNOD IS MEETING

The Sixteenth General Synod meets June 25-30, 1987, in Cleveland, Ohio, with the theme, "We are the United Church of Christ: Called by the Spirit..." Delegates, some 700 and chosen by each Conference, are assigned to from one up to 30 committees. These will deliberate on Proposed Priorities, Pronouncements, Proposals for Action, Resolutions or other motions referred by the Business Committee. Each committee will suggest specific action to the General Synod plenary.

Bible study and worship will occur daily and reports of the work of the UCC national bodies/instrumentalities will be given. Biennial budgets will be voted and plenaries will include "Speak Out", a chance for anyone to speak up to one minute on subjects not on the official agenda. The 1957 formation of the UCC in Cleveland will be re-enacted in worship June 28. June 25 is the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the UCC.

Among concerns delegates will decide include the future of the Coordinating Center for Women and the location of the UCC National Headquarters. Pronouncements will deal with concerns such as Hispanic Ministry, Spiritual Crisis, AIDS, Children in Need, Hazardous Waste, Ministry with Indians, and Evangelism.

W. A. Andes

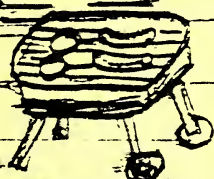
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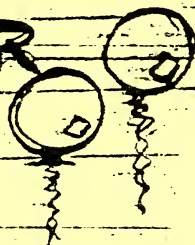
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A LATE-SUMMER



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AUG 29, 1987

(MARK YOUR CALENDAR!)

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS
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WE NEED YOUR HELP →

YOUR NON-FINANCIAL GIFTS FOR THE AUCTION ARE DESIRED!

POSSIBILITIES:

BAKED GOODS - CLOTHES

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(Perhaps useful to someone else!)

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IF you have any COMPANY or
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POSSIBILITIES:

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OIL CHANGE, ETC

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FOR SUCH COMMERCIAL GIFTS)

LET'S MASTER THE POSSIBILITIES-
PLAN AHEAD AS TO WHAT YOU, OR
YOUR CHURCH GROUP, MAY BE ABLE
TO DO TO HELP!

The following poem is from a Children's Sermon by Beth Gassert Lyon and is being printed in the Torch by popular demand.

Did God laugh
When God made the giraffe?
You might laugh too
If you made a kangaroo.
Nothing could be more preposterous
Than a rhinoceros.
Maybe only a hippopotamus
Made God smile as much.
A camel is ridiculous
Its humps are so conspicuous!
And think of the elephant,
It's anything but elegant.
Was God being silly, you suppose,
When thinking up that nose?
Was God kidding us
With a duck-billed platypus,
Or is it serious?
Look at the ostrich.
He's got a neck like a sausage.
Does he think he looks grand
With his head in the sand?
A thought occurred to me,
And I wonder if it's true,
Do they laugh at me and you
When we visit at the zoo?
Do you think it's just a rumor,
Or does God have a sense of Humor?
Maybe in the ever after
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CORRESPONDENCE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

(This is the concluding part of a letter written this past February by Dr. Peter Millard at Willis Pierce Memorial Hospital in Mt. Selinda, Zimbabwe. His wife, Emily Wesson, RN, and their children Cameron and Maria, will be back in this country for a month or so this summer, midway through their initial term as missionaries of the UCC to this station; Peter will be in England. Mt. Selinda has a long history as a place of missionary work in both medicine and education by our denomination and its ancestor body. That work was interrupted during the recent war for independence in Zimbabwe.)

"The hospital itself, in spite of a few improvements, is still in an advanced state of decay. In fact, the roof is in danger of collapsing and killing us all! All of the sixteen flush toilets on the hospital premises are broken. There is little running water anyway which resulted in a newborn baby dying of neonatal tetanus under supposedly sterile conditions. Finally, our medical student from New Zealand and I got out our trowels and repaired the dam that supplies water to the hospital from a spring in the forest. The government may step in and repair the toilets as they did last year with our innumerable broken windows and rotting window frames. The ambulance has broken down the last four times I have gone on clinic visits. Many churches and individuals send money to the hospital c/o the United Church Board, but since there is no systematic way of informing the hospital of the existence of this money, it arrives quite unexpectedly a couple of times a year and we are not able to plan any repairs. The hospital itself is \$6,000 in the red.

"Emily had a very successful year in the premature nursery with 76% of her babies surviving with birth weights between 1,000 and 1,500 gr. She is also helping to administer the orphanage and organizing clothes for patients in rags. Many women in the hospital are now knitting with wool remnants and sewing tiny strips of cloth into clothes. Peter is visiting seven clinics regularly, including one across the border in Mozambique, and is working on a water project nearby at Gwenzi, which should supply clean water to the clinic there and to the school of 1,000 students. Cameron and Maria are both going to the nursery school at the hospital with a mix of orphan and mission kids and are learning prayers and songs in Shona. They are really quite good at verbally abusing dogs in Shona by now as well. They both have many friends, a pet chameleon, and wander around the mission quite oblivious to the green mambas which

slither to and fro. We thank God for, among other things, no tv. The kids spend most of their time playing with the African kids, drawing, and looking at books. Cameron now has his very own AK47, which was made for him by one of his friends. When Maria talks, she sounds like a hybrid between an English girl, an African, and an American. Cameron is looking forward to visiting the U.S., but I suspect they will be homesick for Mt. Selinda.

"The situation in South Africa has had little direct effect on us so far, but I suspect that will change when the majority-ruled African nations begin sanctions in earnest. The huge majority of Zimbabwe's exports now pass through S. Africa and the only alternate route, through Beira in Mozambique, is hazardous because of the MNR terrorists. The MNR, backed by S. Africa, Saudi Arabia, and the Heritage Foundation, is continuing its dirty war against the Mozambican people and may be winning, at least in the sense that some are now predicting 'another Ethiopia' in Mozambique. Once sanctions do occur, we may be using banana leaves for dressings since most of our medical supplies come from S. Africa.

"We are personally quite happy in our nice house with our big car, good food, and frequent visitors. People are constantly writing us and telling us what a sacrifice we are making but we, too, feel guilty that we live as well as we did at home with so much suffering around us. "Charity," as Jack London said, "does not consist of giving a bone to a starving dog but of sharing a bone with a starving dog when you too are hungry." We frequently feel humbled by the courage of the poor and moved by their suffering, but we wonder where the solution lies in their dilemma. Certainly not in giving out pills, operating on them, or even feeding them in the hospital for a month. The agricultural workers need a union, but organizing the Mozambicans would be as difficult as organizing the illegal aliens in the U.S. The solutions must come from themselves, and some would even say that outsiders like ourselves, by hindering the process of the indigenous development, are part of the problem.

Love,

Peter and Emily"

THE CHURCH: A Place To Feel

The old man had been deaf most of his life. But every Sunday found him in church, sitting on the same pew, attempting to go through the motions of worship in harmony with the other worshipers. Yet, his every act of worship was a strain carried out in his world of silence.

A close friend wrote on a piece of paper and handed it to the old man. He read, "Why do you go to church? You can't hear a word that is said."

Calling on his broken and faltering English remembered from his hearing days, he said, "To let people know whose side I'm on!"

He continued, "At worship in church I may not hear much but I FEEL MUCH. I feel what's happening around me; the music's rhythm touches me; the prayers hold me close; the smiles on people's faces during the sermon and the intensity I sense from them, give me a feeling of God's presence."

Worshiping in church gives a feeling that no other expression of God's presence approaches. No wonder the writer of Hebrews instructed: "Forsake not the assembling of ourselves together." (Hebrews 10:25)

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CHURCH MUSIC AND ARTS SEMINAR - BRAG

Warm (but not hot) sunny days; cool, rain-refreshed evenings; morning choral sessions - the joy of singing, and introductions to new (to me) music; afternoon meetings when June Grubb reviewed the recently published Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ, and Mary Alice Bragg discussed programming for children, and we performed a children's musical about St. Francis of Assisi; enriching worship services with Lent and Easter themes.

All of this, and more, enjoyed at the June 14-17 Church Music and Arts Seminar, Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds. Beautiful scenery - Grandfather Mountain can be seen from the deck of the lodge. The friendliness of the front porch lunch chatting after meals, and getting to know choir people from other churches. The pleasure of again seeing June Grubb and Mary Alice Bragg, and having them share with us in so many helpful ways.

It was a delightful and inspiring experience.

Melva Foster

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
July 5	D/M Earl Danieleley	M. Albertson/B. Harper	Danieley
12	M/M George Edwards	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Edgerton
19	M/M Howard Loy	Katie & Jamie Brown	Alexander
26	D/M Paul Cheek	T. Loy/R. Harris	F. Loy

Nursery during 11:00 a.m. Service, assisting Kristin Wilkins.

July 5	- Marie Wilkins	19	- Jackie Pendergrass
12	- Reggie McLelland	26	- Jackie Pendergrass

USHERS

July 5	Fred Young, Mike Mayse, Robert Kittenger, Mike Gregory.
12	Jeff Wilkins, Robin Woody, Holt Sutton, Steve Perry.
19	J. L. Dixon, William P. Smith, Charles Liscum, Tim Parker, Howard Edgerton.
26	Mark Danieleley, Jim Lyon, Martin Shotzberger.

JUNE STATISTICS

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Single Pledge</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Benevolences</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
June 7	84	\$ 305.00	\$1,445.48	\$ 369.00	\$ 24.50
14	178	299.50	1,129.25	257.00	52.50
21	129	290.50	819.85	99.00	19.50
28	<u>85</u>	<u>381.50</u>	<u>712.96</u>	<u>195.50</u>	<u>69.00</u>
Totals	476	\$1,276.50	\$4,107.54	\$ 920.50	\$165.50

	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Benevolences</u>
Annual Budget	\$93,893.00	\$11,965.00
Annual Budget to date	46,946.52	5,982.48
Receipts	43,799.44	5,717.50

Challenge gifts for June:

Habitat for Humanity	\$ 15.00
Good Samaritan Fund	172.98

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

July 19th.

The Youth Festirama participants, senior high young people from all over the Southern Conference, who will have been at Elon College that weekend, will join us for worship as the closing event on their schedule. The Rev. Richard McBride will give the meditation on "Being a Real Person." (The theme of the Festirama is "Realationships"--the unusual spelling is intentional.) The Scripture is Matthew 3:13-17. Hymns to be sung will include "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," "We Would Be Building," and "I Would Be True." Some of the senior high youth may be taking part in leadership of the service.

July 26th.

Dr. Irvine's sermon will be on the text from Psalm 42:7, "Deep calls to deep at the thunder of thy cataracts," and will be entitled "God's Waterfalls." The Hymn of the Month will be sung, along with "O Worship the King" and "This is My Father's World."

August 2nd.

Dr. Bill Andes will be our guest speaker this morning. Further information will be in the next issue of the Torch.

Rev. Beth Lyon will preach on August 9th and 16th.



KINDLING THOUGHTS

Did you know we have birds in our church? There is good biblical warrant for this: "Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God," exulted the Psalmist (84:3) as he contemplated the joy of being in God's house.

Actually, the place these birds dwell is not at the altar but in the chimney, for they are chimney swifts, those creatures of sooty gray plumage and twinkling flight that come from the tropics to nest in our cooled-off summer chimneys. You can see the swifts spiraling down for the night into our chimney in considerable numbers if you watch just at dusk in late summer.

They have a larger and uncommon cousin in the west, called the Black swift, which does not nest in chimneys, but in even more inaccessible places--under rocks that overhang streams in the mountains. When we went to the Canadian Rockies on our vacation in 1983, I stopped by the office of the Park Naturalist in Banff National Park to ask if there was a known nest where I could find the bird sitting on its eggs. That is much the easiest way to see one, for these birds are rare to start with and have such prodigious powers of flight they think nothing of drifting 200 miles from their nests following a thunderstorm, feeding off the great mass of insects carried aloft by the storm's updrafts. I was told there was one place--in Johnston Canyon, at the head of the Lower Falls. I was to look from the path back down to the underside of the rock that overhung the head of the falls, and there would be a splotch of green on the rock. The nest would be at the top of that patch of green algae.

When we had taken that lovely hike early one morning and reached the spot, it was still rather dim under that overhang, but with an excellent pair of binoculars I could see the green splotch. However, there were a number of green splotches. One of them had something that looked like a nest above it. (If you're wondering how the bird manages to get a nest to hang in a place like that, remember that bird's-nest-soup comes from the hardened saliva used in nest building

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KINDLING THOUGHTS - continued -

by a member of the swift family in China. (All swifts are able to glue their nests in places inaccessible to predators because of this quality of their saliva.) On top of the nest was a rather minimal, long, triangular-looking black object, not moving. Though I was faintly puzzled by its not being as large as I thought it would be, I was so excited at seeing a new bird to add to my life list, I happily called to my wife and tried to point it out to her.

She thought she saw it but she wasn't sure. So I left the path and climbed down to some flat rocks by streamside to see if I could get a better view to show her. I squatted on one of the stones to look up under the overhang and when I put my binoculars up to my eyes I was staring right at the swift. Its ashy face highlighted its black eye and bill; its long black wings and forked tail were projecting out on the far side of the nest. It ruffled its feathers and settled down on its eggs, and below its nest was a large green splotch. I was elated to have such a better view.

In the process of helping Nancy Lu see this bright-eyed creature in that dim light, I was abashed to discover that the actual bird and nest were not at all where I had pointed them out previously; somehow I had missed the correct splotch of green from the path. By providence and persistence and my wife's not being as overeager as I was, I was now looking at the real thing instead of at a figment of my imagination. I was so grateful I had taken a second look!

How often in life we think we're seeing the real thing when we are actually settling for something less! We are so likely to mistake (and all because we want to, in our excitement) the advertising for the product, lust for love, highly processed food for something truly nutritious, kitsch for art, yelling for authority, acquaintance for friendship, pornography for literature, nostalgia for historical truth, the map for the territory, sentimentality for emotional depth, sarcasm for satire, pleasure for joy, cheap grace for high religion--and so forth. Always it's an excitement that quickly palls rather than one that leaves us truly enlarged in spirit. How many illusions, nay, delusions, surround us--and how easy it is to fall prey to them! We need to take a second look from a slightly different angle: "Test the spirits..." (1 John 4:1).

FLOWER AND REGISTER CALENDAR - continued

February

7 - Virginia Richardson
14 - Jim & Lorene Lyon
21 - The George Edwards
28 - The Robert Eyes

7 - Virginia Richardson
14 - Lorene Lyon
21 - Venita Edwards
28 - Barbara Eyes

March

6 - The Dewey Holts
13 - The Walter Boyds
20 - The George Noahs
27 - The Kittengers

6 - Iris Holt
13 - Mary Louis Boyd
20 - Clara Noah
27 - Eleanore Kittenger

April

3 - (Easter) The Atkinson Family
10 - The Leroy Hughes
17 - The Jim Underhills
24 - Mrs. Sue Colclough

3 - Lou Harper
10 - Gladys Hughes
17 - Marion Underhill
24 - Mrs. Sue Colclough

May

1 - The Paul Cheeks
8 - The R. H. Oxfords
15 - Ann Reynolds

1 - Ruth Cheek
8 - Hilda Oxford
15 - Ann Reynolds



FLOWER AND REGISTER CALENDAR

A copy of the 1987 - 1988 Flower and Register Calendar is listed below. It remains almost the same as last year except for those changes necessitated by calendar year (Easter, etc.).

The Fellowship voted to place the Flower and Register calendar on a two-year basis to coincide with terms of office of Chairmen and Officers. The 1988 - 1989 calendar will give opportunity for those not now participating to do so on a two-year basis.

If there is a problem with the schedule as listed, you are, or course, to feel free to exchange, or to get someone in your place. Thank you for your fine cooperation with this effort.

Lucy and Gladys Hughes,
Co-Chairmen

1987 - 1988

FLOWER CALENDAR

September

- 6 - Lois Bost
- 13 - Fred Youngs
- 20 - Estelle Perry

REGISTER CALENDAR

- 6 - Lois Bost
- 13 - Phyllis Young
- 20 - Estelle Perry

YES! COUNT ON ME
TO HELP WITH

"THE AUCTION"



I VOLUNTEER TO HELP



ONE OF THE COMMITTEES

BET-UP AND CLEAN-UP

Chairman Paul Cheek 584-0544

Prepare grounds by setting up tables & chairs, refuse bins, etc.



AUCTION SUPPORT

Chairman

Picking up items; feeding items to auctioneer; pricing lawn sale items; cashier, etc.



FOOD

Chairman Earl Danieleley 584-0646

Cooking hamburgers and hot dogs; serving drinks, ice cream, deserts; obtaining supplies; cashier, etc.



ENTERTAINMENT

Chairman John Ketcham 584-7225

Acting as host to bands.



COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION

Chairman

Deliver window posters; solicit product contributions.



I CAN HELP BY:

BAKING,
MAKING
CRAFT
ITEMS,
ETC.

-NAME OVER-

WANTED

AUCTION ITEM DONATION

As a matter of information to assist the AUG 29, 1987 AUCTION planning, I/WE have the following items that we intend to donate:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

PLEASE CHECK ☒ APPLICABLE BOX:

☐ WE WILL BRING THE ITEMS BEFORE 10⁰⁰ am AUG 29, 1987

☐ WE NEED PICK-UP SERVICE FOR THESE ITEMS. THEY CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE BY _____

DATE TIME

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE No _____

BEST TIME TO CALL _____

FOLD AND PLACE IN OFFERING TRAY, OR MAIL

11 - The Hunter Family

11 - Mary Shaw Cunningham
18 - Doris Brafford
25 - Mrs. Sholtzberger

November

1 - Caroline Powell
8 - Eugene Lankfords
15 - George Shumars
22 - The Moncures
29 - Sam Shomakers

1 - Caroline Powell
8 - Kathleen Lankford
15 - Bertie Fields
22 - Jane Moncure
29 - Betty Shomaker

December

WREATHS FOR DOOR: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Powell

6 - The Howard Loys
13 - The Willard Whites
20 - The Holt Suttons
27 - The Bill Blanchards

6 - Juanita Loy
13 - Sybil White
20 - Mabel Veasey
27 - Betty Blanchard

January 1988

3 - The Marsh McLellands
10 - Ruth Dunn
17 - Mary Shaw Cunningham
24 - Josie Huey
31 - The Dee Atkinsons

3 - Reggie McLelland
10 - Ruth Dunn
17 - Mary Shaw Cunningham
24 - Josie Huey
31 - Mona Atkinson

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5 - The Mayses
12 - Adelia Truitt
19 - The K. K. Hughes
26 - The Mark McAdams

5 - Janet Mayse

12 - Adelia Truitt
19 - Lucy Hughes
26 - Kate McAdams

July

3 - The J. E. Danieleys
10 - The Edgertons
17 - The Alexanders
24 - The Fred Loys
31 - Florance Smith

3 - Verona Danieley
10 - Page Edgerton
17 - Jane Alexander
24 - Judy Loy
31 - Florance Smith

August

7 - The W. R. Pendergrasses
14 - The Bill Beyer Family
21 - Mrs. Gladys Vickers
28 - The E. W. Braffords

7 - Jackie Pendergrass
14 - Shirley Beyer
21 - Mrs. Gladys Vickers
28 - Doris Brafford

BIRTHDAY LIST UPDATE

One of our summer tasks this year is to review the list of birthdays of persons in our church family. We have found that some people have been inadvertently overlooked in our listing. If you or anyone in your family has not been included in the TORCH listings, please call the church office and give us the name and date. Thank you!

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PASTOR'S VACATION

Dr. Irvine will be on vacation July 29 through August 17. He and Mrs. Irvine will be on the West Coast for part of that time sightseeing and visiting their son David and his wife Michele in Santa Rosa, California. They will also attend the Irvine family reunion in Virginia.

In his absence the Rev. Beth Lyon will be responsible for pastoral care, with the assistance of members of the clergy within the congregation. Beth's home phone number in Durham is 1-383-4503.

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RECOVERING FROM SURGERY

We are happy to report recuperations progressing well for:

Mark McAdams, after a cataract operation.

Richard Daniel, after an operation to correct a partially blocked artery in his leg. Our custodian expects to return to work about July 20th. Custodial duties are being handled in the interim by Bobby Farrington and Frank Wicker of Gibsonville (their wives and children also help them). These first cousins have a custodial business and look after several churches in the area.

Susan Rose, after an operation on her toe.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

"The Exodus Experience," vacation church school for families, will be held at the church Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31 each night at 7 p.m. Follow the people of Israel from bondage in Egypt to milk and honey in the promised land. Experience a Seder, journey through the wilderness, relive the giving of the Law and build your own "golden calf." Come and bring your children, your grandchildren, your neighbor's children or come and enjoy yourself with someone else's children. Just don't miss out on the "Exodus Experience."

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EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Committee is instituting a formalized program of calling on newcomers to our community and on those who have visited our Church. This will require 26 members of the Church to volunteer to take visiting responsibility for two periods of one week each during the year. All of the members of the Board of Deacons and all of the members of the Evangelism Committee have agreed to be visitors and, as a consequence, 18 of the 26 positions have been filled. We need to look to the Church membership for the remaining 8 visitors in order to get the program started.

If you are willing to be one of our visitors, please call the Church office and register your interest. We will be making announcements during coming Church services about this program.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Our former member, the Rev. Mike Wilburn, who has been serving on the staff of Peace Church in Greensboro, has been called to be pastor of Brick Church in Whitsett. We pray God's blessing on Mike as he undertakes his first pastorate. The Wilburns have sold their home and will be moving to the Brick Church parsonage.

CALENDAR

July 15 - 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministries Taskforce

July 19 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

July 20 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

July 26 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

July 27 - 31 - VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

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GRADUATES

Three of our young people graduated from high school last month and we extend them our congratulations, affection and prayers as they prepare to continue their education:

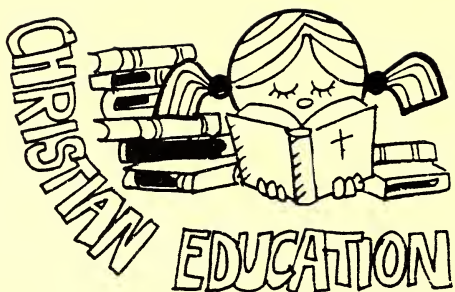
John Barbee graduated from Western Alamance. He will attend UNC-Greensboro.

Lee Anne Blanchard graduated from Western Alamance. She will attend Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C.

Kristin Wilkins graduated from Western Alamance. She will attend the Technical College of Alamance.

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THE BURLINGTON AREA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet at Berea Church on Thursday, July 23, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. We hope many of our men will be able to attend.



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Much progress has been made on the Children's Library thanks to Nora Griswold, Louis Wilkins, Nancy Lu Irvine, Lou and Brian Harper, Sue, Katie, Jamie and David Brown, Marie, Meg and Jeff Wilkins and Bob, Beth and Andrew Lyon who put in a full day on Saturday. The library should

be ready to dedicate by fall. Another work day will be held in August to ready the classrooms for fall Church School. Watch this space for details.

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I forgot my Lord in the summertime,
Just the time I was needed most,
I was not away, but on each Lord's Day
I just failed to be at my post.
I forgot my church in the summertime,
And I lazily lay in bed,
While the faithful few had my work to do,
I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my offering in the summertime,
When He needed it most of all,
While my cash was spent, I was pleasure bent,
Just off my duty for God until fall...
If my Lord should come in the summertime,
When from duty to God I'm free,
Wonder what I'll do, when my life is through,
If by chance, He should forget me?

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

August 2.

Dr. William J. Andes, Pastor Emeritus, will preach on "The Church is On the Green!" The scripture reading will be Ephesians 5:21-27 and 6:10-20. Hymns to be sung will include "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," "Jesus, With Thy Church Abide," and "God of Grace and God of Glory."

August 9.

The Rev. Beth Lyon will preach a sermon on Matthew 14:22-33 entitled "The Wind, the Waves, and Jesus." Hymns will be "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him," "How Firm a Foundation," and "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

August 16.

"Canaanites and Other Outsiders" from Matthew 15:21-28 will be the Rev. Beth Lyon's sermon. Hymns are "All People That on Earth Do Dwell," "Christ is made the Sure Foundation," and "The King of Love My Shepherd Is."

August 23. "Football Sunday."

Dr. Irvine will be back from vacation and will preach on "When Christians Fight Back" from I Peter 3:13-22. We will welcome the members of the "Fighting Christians" football team from Elon College as our guests. Hymns to be sung are "Morning Has Broken," "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," and "Lead On, O King Eternal."

August 30.

Dr. Irvine's sermon will be on "The Key That Unlocks the Bible" from Romans 3:21-26. Hymns will include "God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years," "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and "Amazing Grace."

September 6.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

NEWS FROM GENERAL SYNOD XVI -- Cleveland, June 25-30, 1987

The following report came to us via Bill Andes. It was written by Virginia McCamey, a lay delegate from Central Congregational Church, UCC, in Atlanta. She was a staff member of the Southeast Conference when Bill was Conference Minister there. Some paragraphs from her report to her church are reprinted here:

"My first Synod was an overwhelming experience. I went as a delegate from the Southeast Conference to replace one of the elected delegates unable to attend. For me the Worship Services provided the high points as we began each day in worship and concluded in the evening after long days crammed full of business. Sunday morning we gathered in the Public Square for a program that celebrated our history--the 30th birthday of the UCC in that very place. From there we processed (in the thousands) for worship in the Civic Center.

"There were too many committee reports, votes taken and speeches made to list here but some of the high lights were:

- General Synod voted with an overwhelming majority to make the Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society a new instrumentality which would speak to the whole constituency of women. As the Nebraska delegation promised its support, the delegates rose to their feet in a standing ovation.

- The location for the National headquarters of the UCC was now settled.

- Priorities (for the next 2 years will be): Spiritual Renewal, Peace and Justice, Youth and Young Adults, and the Homeless Poor.

- Dr. Walter Brueggemann (member of Central) spoke on "Rural and Urban Crisis: Monopoly and Marginality." The church, in cities and suburbs, needs to help people withdraw from destructive urban monopolies and do something about the crisis of rural America. Later Synod voted to reaffirm the actions of GS 15 regarding the pronouncement on the crisis of people and the land and requests that UCBHM continue its efforts to fulfill these objectives.

- We listened to two women, mothers and members of COMADRES, founded to help mothers whose family members have disappeared in Central America. As they spoke the body rose in solidarity, standing through the entire speech. In conclusion they offered this resolution: "Therefore, we ask the United Church of Christ committed in your faith and solidarity with those who suffer most, who are the image of Christ, for your accompaniment and support in the struggle for peace and justice for the Salvadoran people."

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NEWS FROM GENERAL SYNOD XVI - continued

- Another moving event was the walk-out of Hispanic members of the UCC to protest the lack of attention to minorities in program and structure. There were tears and rejoicing as they returned later after conferring with Dr. Post and other leaders.....

"Conference Caucuses at lunch each day brought our Southeast delegation and visitors together for discussion and information. Libby Scott, as a member of the (UCC) Executive Council, kept us aware of the issues and we all appreciated her help." (Libby Scott is the granddaughter of Della Scott of our congregation.)

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CRISIS LINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Alamance County has a human needs service agency which offers the gift of caring. In 1986 the Sucide and Crisis Service responded to over 3,700 calls for assistance. The Service is made possible through volunteer efforts. Every Volunteer receives accredited training in crisis intervention before going "on line". SCS needs new Volunteers. If you would like to share your caring, contact us for further information and enrollment in classes scheduled to begin September 8. CALL 227-6220.

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AUGUST CALENDAR

- Aug. 2 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Aug. 3 - 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2
7:30 p.m. Circle 3
- Aug. 4 - 7:30 p.m. Circle 4
- Aug. 6 - 7:00 p.m. Budget Committee
- Aug. 9 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Aug. 16 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Aug. 20 - Deacon's All Church Event
- Aug. 23 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Football Sunday
- Aug. 27 - 7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Group
- Aug. 29 - MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AUCTION
- Aug. 30 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service



FIRST HAND REPORT:

SELLING AT AUCTION **AUG.29**

HEAR THE DIXIE BAND AND A BLUE GRASS BAND
AT THE **AUG.29 AUCTION**--COME, AND INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

THERE WILL BE **GAMES** FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART.

THERE WILL BE **FOOD** AND **DRINK** TO SATISFY THE PALATE.

A **LAWN SALE**, **SILENT** AND **LIVE AUCTION** WILL GIVE YOU
THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY JUST THE THING YOU'VE ALWAYS
WANTED! AND MEN--YOU CAN BID UP THE PRICE ON YOUR
WIFE'S CAKE!!

SO FAR, 30 OF OUR CONGREGATION HAVE VOLUNTEERED HELP--
YOU, TOO, CAN SHARE IN THIS CHURCH-WIDE EFFORT:

- * YOU CAN **VOLUNTEER** FOR A COMMITTEE
- * YOU CAN **CONTRIBUTE** CRAFT ITEMS
- * YOU CAN PROVIDE YOUR **SERVICES** (BIDDERS CAN
BID FOR YOUR HELP, ON AN HOURLY OR **TASK** BASIS).
- * YOU CAN **DONATE** ITEMS FOR THE SALES--~~WHAT~~ YOU
NO LONGER NEED MAY BE DESIRED BY ~~SOMEONE~~ ELSE.
PROCEEDS FROM THE SALES WILL BE OUR **CHURCH'S** GAIN.

☐ I VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST THE _____ COMMITTEE.

☐ I/WE CAN CONTRIBUTE ITEMS OR SERVICES:

☐ We will deliver by 10 a.m.

☐ We need pick-up service for items available

(Date) _____. Phone: _____

NAME _____

ADD _____

FOLD AND PLACE IN OFFERING OR MAIL TO :

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH



**DON'T DELAY-
LET US KNOW
WHAT YOU CAN DO-**

AUCTION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE:

JOHN KETCHAM, CHAIRMAN

ELIZABETH PARKER

FOOD COMMITTEE:

EARL DANIELEY, CHAIRMAN

R.J. ACQUILANO

JIM GRISWOLD

BILL BLANCHARD

SET-UP COMMITTEE:

PAUL CHEEK, CHAIRMAN

JIM UNDERHILL

WES ALEXANDER

J.L. DIXON

BILL PENDERGRASS

RICHARD DANIEL

GAMES COMMITTEE:

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KEN HARPER

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, CHAIRMAN

CHIP MC CRAW

AL CARPENTER

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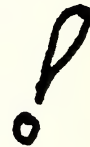
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MARY KIMBALL

BIFF BRAFFORD

**SO THE
COMMITTEES**

**CAN
PLAN AHEAD**



LIST OF DONATIONS

JEWELRY CASE

BOX COPPER PIPE FITTINGS

HOT DOG COOKER, ELECTRIC

DEEP FAT FRYER

HUMIDIFIER

TILLER (SEARS)

CLOTHES, MISC.

HOUSEHOLD, MISC.

BAKED GOODS

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BAKED GOODS

CASE OIL (24 QTS)

GE WRINGER WASH MACHINE

BED & MATTRESS

TABLE

COOLER

BEDSIDE TABLE

STAINED GLASS WINDOW

MARTIN BIRD HOUSE

BAKED GOODS

FRESH VEGETABLES

**HELP TO GROW
THIS LIST!**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1 - T. Edward Powell III
Steven Ten Eyck | 18 - Sandy Allen |
| 2 - Melinda T. Reinheimer | 19 - Mary Louise Boyd
W. R. Pendergrass |
| 3 - David K. Harper
Heather Denise Jordan | 21 - Thomas L. Smith
Gregory F. Bunting
Meg Wilkins |
| 4 - Robert F. Woody III | 22 - Frances E. Powell
Dana Currin Holt |
| 8 - Jennie Reddish | 23 - Kay Allen
Frank R. Piercy |
| 9 - David R. Byers
Tim Vickers | 24 - Nathan Allen |
| 10 - Charles B. Terrell
Anna D. Law | 25 - Sheldon Cheek
Graham Cheek
Macon Albertson |
| 11 - Kenneth Hughes | 26 - Ruth H. Dunn |
| 12 - Maria Parker | 27 - Lynn Grinnalds |
| 13 - Alfred W. Hurst
Katherine R. Brown
Norma E. Matlock | 28 - John Powell |
| 17 - MalvinN. Artley
Del Atkinson
Lorie Ann Smith
W. E. Lowe
Matthew Ryan Mayse
Evella Sutton | 29 - Elna Huey |

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CHURCH SUPPER AND SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM SET FOR AUGUST 20TH

The Board of Deacons, at the suggestion of its Spiritual Growth Task Force, is planning to have three special meetings during the coming program year to provide occasions for wider fellowship and spiritual reflection among our people. Dr. Martin Sholtzberger has agreed to help design and lead these events.

The first is scheduled for Thursday evening, August 20th, beginning with a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. After the meal we will break into small groups, each led by a member of the Board of Deacons. Come prepared to share what one of your favorite Bible verses is, and what one of your favorite hymns is; and why you find each so meaningful to you. We will then regather for a brief closing time for sharing and worship.

Put it on your calendar and plan to come!

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Beth Wilkins wrote to Peter Millard and Emily Wesson at Mr. Selinda in Zimbabwe and received a letter back dated June 27th, from which we quote two paragraphs:

"Our work is going well, better by far than when we wrote our last stewardship letter. The starvation has gone back to "baseline" so things won't really get bad again until Christmas. We have had tremendous frustration with the water situation at the mission. We had a baby, born at the hospital under supposedly sterile conditions, die of neonatal tetanus. There is actually plenty of water in the well, but the mission doesn't want to pump more than 12 hours a day (which isn't enough) because they are afraid it will wear out sooner if they do. So I did the only thing I thought was right, gave the administrator a two week ultimatum (during which the water situation got worse), and then wrote a letter to the district health authorities suggesting that the hospital was a health hazard and that the maternity ward shouldn't function without running water and should be closed. Needless to say, it didn't go over too big on the mission, but you have to do what you think is right. If there were a legitimate reason for not having water, I would be more understanding but when a child dies unnecessarily, it is a sacrilege to God.

Your offer of help is most interesting. I can think of three things that would be very helpful. The first is to send practical used clothes (no bathing suits or evening dresses!), surface mail marked "Used clothes for free distribution at Mission Hospital" to Emily c/o the hospital. The postage is not cheap, but compared to the worth of the clothes and the tremendous need, it is a deal. The second thing would be to send a check to the (Willis F. Pierce Memorial) Hospital's account at ECHO (The Joint Mission Hospital Equipment Board, Ullswater Crescent, Coulsdon, Surrey CR3 2HR, ENGLAND, to help us buy drugs and medical equipment. If you let me know when and how much you are able to send, I can let you know what we are able to purchase. The last thing would be to pray for the suffering people of Mozambique (whom we serve) and to write to your representatives to continue the pressure on South Africa to stop apartheid and to stop supporting the MNR bandits in Mozambique who are murdering innocent people without cause. The MNR (Mozambique National Resistance--supported by the Heritage Foundation and many in the Reagan Administration) have now started to attack inside Zimbabwe and blew up a bus full of people just south of here last week."

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH - MEMORIALS

April 27, 1987 - July 27, 1987

Mrs. Elva V. Blake
Mrs. Mary Shaw Cunningham
Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Powell, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams
Mrs. Jennie King Underwood
Adult Sunday School Class
Mr. Kenneth Edgerton
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Hughes
Men's Exchange Club
Mr. Brock Jones
Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Powell, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams

Mrs. Iris Albright Holt
Mrs. Josie L. Huey
Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder
Mrs. Estelle L. Perry
Mrs. Lois M. Bost
Mr. and Mrs. Doane Warren and Family
Mr. and Mrs. John Gerlach
Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams
Mrs. Eva M. Cates
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Hughes
Mr. and Mrs. Warren R. Jeffreys
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton
Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Vickers
Mrs. Gladys Vickers
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pendergrass

IN HONOR

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford
Mrs. Lucille D. Howard

Lois M. Bost
Building Fund Treasurer
July 27, 1987

OTHER MEMORIALS

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Mr. Kenneth Edgerton
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hughes

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Mrs. Elva V. Blake
Mrs. L. D. Marton

CHALLENGE FUND

Mrs. Iris Albright Holt
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clem

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
Aug. 2	M/M Charles Liscum	M. Albertson/B. Harper	F. Smith
9	M/M Bill Pendergrass	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Pendergras
16	D/M Jeff Wilkins	Katie & Jamie Brown	Beyer
23	M/M Mike Mayse	T. Loy/R. Harris	Vickers
30	M/M Bill Barbee	Shannon Albertson	Brafford

Nursery during 11:00 a.m. Service, assisting Kristin Wilkins.

Aug. 2 -	Ellie Ketcham	16 -	Heidi Danieleley
9 -	Robin McCraw	23 -	Phyllis Young
	30 -		Mona Atkinson

USHERS

Aug. 2	Fred Young, Mike Mayse, Robert Kittenger, Mike Gregory.
9	Jeff Wilkins, Robin Woody, Holt Sutton, Steve Perry.
16	J. L. Dixon, William P. Smith, Charles Liscum, Tim Parker, Howard Edgerton.
23	Mark Danieleley, Jim Lyon, Martin Sholtzberger.
30	Del Atkinson, D. D. Atkinson, George Troxler, Ed Simons, Walter Boyd, Jim Underhill.

JULY STATISTICS

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Single Pledge</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Bene- volences</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
July 5	110	\$5,373.00	\$1,476.37	\$ 255.50	\$5,060.00
12	104	372.00	1,328.63	286.50	7.5
19	177	224.50	629.56	169.50	30.5
26	<u>112</u>	<u>213.50</u>	<u>1,617.37</u>	<u>69.50</u>	<u>97.5</u>
Totals	503	\$6,183.00	\$5,051.93	\$ 781.00	\$5,195.5

Current Expenses

Benevolences

Annual Budget	\$93,893.00	\$11,965.00
Budget to date	54,770.94	6,979.56
Receipts to date	55,034.37	6,498.50

Challenge gifts for July:

Habitat for Humanity	\$ 5.00
Challenge gifts memorial	20.00

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Dr. William J. Andes and
Dr. Alfred W. Hurst,
Pastors Emeriti
Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon,
Associate in Youth
and Children's
Ministries

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

September 6.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed as we begin the busy months of the fall season. Dr. Irvine's meditation will be entitled "Discerning the Body" and the scripture will be I Corinthians 11:27-29, 12:12-27. Hymns will be "From All That Dwell Below the Skies," "Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun" (the September Hymn of the Month), and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

September 13.

This is our annual Student Sunday, when we welcome to worship the students of Elon College, and bring a covered dish meal to eat on the church lawn after worship. A special treat is in store for us; the Alamance Civic Dance Company, under the leadership of Mrs. Jane Wellford, dance instructor at Elon College, will present seven segments of sacred dance at various points during worship. (Mrs. Wellford coached Kim Batchellor, who was the dancer on Palm Sunday when we had the special Passion service, for her role on that occasion.) Dr. Irvine will preach on "Devotion in Motion" from II Samuel 6:1-23. Hymns will include "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" hymn of the month, and "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine."

September 20.

This is the Sunday that is celebrated in many places around the world, where Habitat for Humanity has touched the lives of people, as "A Day of Prayer and Action for Human Habitat." Our pastor will preach on Psalm 127:1, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." Read also Genesis 11:1-8. Ashton Elaine Oliver, infant daughter of Eddie and Patricia Oliver, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Hymns to be sung include "Holy, Holy, Holy!", the hymn of the month, and "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life."



SINGERS WANTED!

The first rehearsal for both the Adult and Children's Choirs will be Wednesday, September 9. Children's Choir will be from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. and Adult Choir begins at 7:30. I encourage all interested singers to join with others to serve the Church in this special way.

Stephen Ten Eyck

P.S. We give free tune ups!

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DR. WAYNE MOORE, professor of music at Emory University and brother of Dr. Fletcher Moore, our former organist, will present an organ recital in our sanctuary Thursday evening, September 17th, at 8:00 p.m. This event is one of Elon College's fall series of special events - one of the few not taking place in the new Fine Arts Center. Come for a fine evening of organ music! Dr. Moore is a graduate of Elon College.

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Dr. Irvine will meet with the 8th and 9th graders interested in confirmation on Sunday, September 13th, at 5 p.m. in the youth room.

CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM WINS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our E.C.C.C. slow-pitch softball team, which won the "B" division Burlington Area UCC softball tournament during the third week of August. Bill Blanchard recruited the team and pitched for it. Other players included John Barbee, Parker Barber, Jeff Bates, John Baxter, Keith Fogleman, David Harper, Keith Hucks, Mike Johnson, Paul Lloyd, Phil Lloyd, Kirk Martin, Richard McBride, Eddie Oliver, and Charles Wilkins.

The "A" division consists of teams which play all summer in other church leagues. The "B" division teams are "pick-up" teams created just for the UCC tournament. Income produced by this event goes toward the scholarships awarded by the Burlington Area UCC Men's Fellowship each summer to outstanding high school graduates from our area churches who are about to attend college. (John Barbee won one of these scholarships, worth \$500, this year.)

The scores of the games were: ECCC 10, St. John's 0; ECCC 15, Union Ridge "B" 14; ECCC 0, Shallowford 7 (forfeit due to use of players not properly registered; the game had actually been played and ECCC had outscored its opponent before the forfeit was awarded); ECCC 12, Carolina 5; Elon 7, UCC Ministers' team 0 (forfeit due to inability of the ministers to field a team at the assigned hour); ECCC 9, Long's Chapel 5. The final game for the championship saw our never-say-die men roar back from a 5-15 deficit in the third inning to win 23-19 over Shallowford and clinch the "B" title.

Thanks to the fans who came out and supported the team, to all who participated, and to Jeff MacKenzie for donating the team's T-shirts.

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OUR SYMPATHY TO MRS. KATHLEEN LANKFORD AND FAMILY UPON THE DEATH OF HER SISTER, MRS. IVA WATKINS, WHO DIED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1987 IN WINSTON-SALEM. FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 AT THE JUPITER BAPTIST CHURCH IN WEAVERVILLE, N.C.

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

July 28, 1987 - September 1, 1987

Mrs. Iris Albright Holt

Dr. and Mrs. James Overton
Mr. John D. Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. James White
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lankford
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick K. Walter
Mrs. Cora D. Franks
Zoology Slide Department of
Carolina Biological Supply Co.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blanchard
Mrs. Howard Richardson
Mr. and Mrs. H. Mitchell Baker III
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest
Women's Fellowship
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Register

Mr. Kenneth Edgerton

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest

Mrs. Iva Watkins

Mr. John D. Schmidt
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Mrs. Grace Shumar

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Mrs. Lois M. Bost

Mrs. Allene Patton Rich

Mr. Henry H. Kimrey
Elon College Book Club
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Clem
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe, Jr.
Mrs. Lois M. Bost
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell

Lois M. Bost
Building Fund Treasurer

OTHER MEMORIAL GIFTS

CHALLENGE FUND

Mrs. Iris Albright Holt

Mrs. Clyde Fields

Miss Melva Foster

Miss Ann Cunningham

Mrs. Margaret Cunningham Bumgartner

Miss Jama Cunningham

Challenge Fund - Children's Library

Mrs. Alice Schmidt

Mr. John Schmidt

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Mrs. Iris Albright Holt

Mrs. L. D. Martin

CURRENT EXPENSES

Mrs. Iris Albright Holt

Dr. and Mrs. Earl Danieleley

Mrs. Allene Patton Rich

Dr. and Mrs. Earl Danieleley

Roberta Starr
Financial Secretary

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



- 1 - 7:00 p.m. Church Council
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 5 - 10:00 a.m. Church School Clean-up Day
- 6 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
- 7 - Office Closed - Labor Day Holiday
- 8 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 9 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Church School Teachers
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. CROP
- 13 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Committee
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons
- 14 - 7:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship General Meeting
- 15 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 16 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 17 - 8:00 p.m. Organ Recital - Dr. Wayne Moore
- 19 - Barbee-Camacho Wedding
- 20 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Installation Service for Rev. Mike Wilburn
Brick Church
- 21 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
- 22 - 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 23 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

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September Calendar - con't.

- 26 - 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Retreat
- 27 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Board of Missions
- 28 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:30 p.m. Allied Churches of Alamance County
Front Street Methodist Church
- 29 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 30 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

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BILLY BEYER'S WORK PROJECT

To earn the Eagle Scout award, a scout has to - among other things - plan for, and manage a group of volunteers in the execution of, a service project. Billy Beyer's project, now completed, was the redecoration of some of our church school classrooms on the ground floor. Come take a look at the results - especially the wall murals on Biblical themes. Thanks and congratulations, Billy! We're looking forward to an award ceremony one of these days.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 - Olga Griswold | 17 - Jennifer Easton |
| 3 - Nell Snyder | 19 - Shirlie Baxter |
| 5 - W. E. Butler, Jr.
Gail Crutchfield | Eve Loy
Matthew Woody |
| 6 - Vicki Price
Gertrude Liscum | 23 - Melva G. Foster
Tim Price
Virginia M. Jeffreys |
| 9 - Anne Vickers | 24 - Julie MacKenzie |
| 10 - Lois M. Bost
Diana Terrell | 26 - Myrtle L. Matlock
Lois S. Luke |
| 12 - Mabel Veazey | 27 - Malvin Artley, Jr.
Elizabeth Braxton
Emily Woody |
| 13 - Carolyn B. Gabriel
Amy Rose | |
| 14 - Louis Wilkins
Vic Vickers
Judy Caporelli
Edward T. Simons | 28 - Jama Cunningham |
| | 29 - Beth J. Coulter |
| 16 - Billy Blanchard
Mary Cheek
Shawn Ashley White
Brian Stewart Oxford | 30 - Ralph Maggio |

WE MAY BE AN AGING CONGREGATION!

During August this "aging congregation" entered a team in the United Church of Christ Softball Tournament in Alamance County. On the way to the final game, David Harper said, "I never thought I would be on my way to play in the chapionship game for our Church." He was on his way and our church team won the Division B Championship.

After planning most of the summer the Men's Fellowship with the assistance of many people, sponsored an Auction on the church lawn August 29. The money raised was to help meet the "Challenge Gifts" of our 1987 church budget. A festive occasion it was and approximately \$2,250 was received at that time. Thanks be to God for the outreach of our church.

One of the great sights at the auction was the fellowship of 30 to 40 men engaged in the planning and actual work of the auction. Women of the church pitched in and helped. Then there were the children: Scott Dollar urging us in the hot sunshine to bid on the goods to be sold; Jamie Brown creating and writing cards we could send to friends; Marie Acquilano assisting her parents in providing cold drinks; others playing nearby, making all of us younger than we really are.

Our thanks to Earl Parker, chairman of the Men's Fellowship and his fellow workers for their long hours of planning and work.

W. J. Andes

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THANKS FROM THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thanks to all of your efforts, the Auction was a great success. The best part of the whole affair was the way everyone pitched in and contributed what they could:

- Baking those delicious breads, cakes, pies and cookies
- donating items, some of sentimental value
- serving on various committees
- and bidding on auctioned items!

Some of our congregation contributed some unknown talents--did you notice who was playing the piano with the Bluegrass Band? And Jamie Brown, 6th grade, donating her artistic talent by donating handmade greeting cards and offering caricature portraits.

I can't begin to thank each person by name--it would include almost the whole congregation.

We would have liked a larger crowd for more spirited bidding--some bidders got some real bargains. Fortunately, some of the bargains went to people who couldn't afford more.

OUR TOTAL INCOME FROM THE AUCTION, YARD SALE AND FOOD TOTALLED \$2,255.00 (with a potential \$300 more at a later date). These funds will be used to satisfy some of the Church's CHALLENGE GIFT budget items.

But best of all was the working together of each and every one of you--it was a fine Church effort of which we can all be proud.

Earl Parker
President, Men's Fellowship

YOUTH NEWS

Sept. 13 6:30 p.m. Come with us to Shallowford UCC for volleyball, food and music. Meet in the parking lot at 6:20 to car pool over.

Sept. 18, 19 & 20. Youth Leaders' Retreat at Blowing Rock for senior highs and their leaders.

Sept. 27 2:00 p.m. Help make part of the Shalom Ribbon for the CROP Walk.

Oct. 4 CROP Walk. See Beth if you haven't yet gotten a sponsor sheet.

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THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is sponsoring a clean-up day Saturday, September 5 at 10 A.M. in order to get the Church School rooms ready for the resumption of regular classes on Sunday, September 13. We also plan to finish work on the Children's Library. If you or your children attend Church School, we could use your help. Y'all come now!

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There will be a brief orientation meeting for teachers of the Children's and Youth Church School classes on September 9 at 6:45 p.m. Please come to make sure you know such basics as where supplies are kept, where to go for help in locating AV's, etc.

A MESSAGE FOR FUN CLUB MEMBERS

It has been S-O-O-O L-O-N-G since the last meeting of the Fun Club! I hope all of our members are as eager to get together as I am.

The date for our next meeting will be TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th at 10:30 a.m. Bring a sandwich - a drink and salad and dessert will be provided.

Dr. Martin Sholtzberger will be with us to present our program. We're looking forward to a happy time together and hope you'll be there. Bring along your ideas of things you'd like the Fun Club to do in the coming months. Let's have some FUN together this Fall.

We want to hear all about what you've been doing this summer. We have a lot of catching up to do, so mark your calendar FUN CLUB - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, at 10:30 A.M. at the PARISH HOUSE. We'll be expecting you.

Mary Kimball, President

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Let's give a ROUSING CHEER AND HEARTY THANKS TO THE BOARD OF DEACONS, and especially Martin Sholtzberger and his committee for planning the Family Fellowship Evening at the Church on August 20th. What a happy time we had! How good it was to share the meal and the program that followed. Elon College Community Church needs more get-togethers of that kind. Do it again soon!

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THANKS TO EVA McDANIEL FOR DONATING AN ELECTRIC CLOCK FOR
OUR PARISH HOUSE KITCHEN.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeters

Acolytes

Flowers

Sept. 6	M/M Wes Alexander	B. Harper/S. Albertson	Bost
13	Mrs. Sara Dodson	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Young
	Mr. Sam Foster		
20	M/M Earl Parker	Katie and Jamie Brown	Perry
27	M/M Fred Loy	R. Harris/T. Loy	Lowe

USHERS

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27	Mark Danieleley, Jim Lyon, Martin Sholtzberger.

AUGUST STATISTICS

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Single Pledge</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Benevolences</u>	<u>Built Fund</u>
Aug. 2	107	\$ 493.50	\$1,819.29	\$ 453.75	\$ 8
9	93	139.50	696.91	143.50	1
16	94	458.00	865.53	91.50	2
23	238	981.00	777.04	257.25	11
30	123	89.50	468.85	131.00	5
Totals	655	\$2,161.50	\$4,627.62	\$1,077.00	\$28

Current Expenses

Benevolences

Annual Budget	\$93,893.00	\$11,965.00
Budget to date	62,595.36	7,976.64
Receipts to date	61,823.49	7,575.50

Challenge gifts for August:

Habitat for Humanity Memorial	\$ 5.00
Challenge Gift Memorials	35.00
Challenge Gift Memorial -	
Children's Library Books	100.00
Challenge Fund -	
Men's Fellowship Auction	2,256.05

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

September 20. Day of Prayer and Action for Human Habitat

In an increasing number of churches, as the Habitat for Humanity movement gathers force, the third Sunday in September is celebrated as a day for lifting it up. Our pastor (who chairs the Alamance Habitat Project just getting under way) will preach on the text "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it." Read the Tower of Babel story (Genesis 11:1-8) and Psalm 127, where the text occurs. Hymns to be sung include "Holy, Holy, Holy!," "Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun," and "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life." Ashton Elaine Oliver, daughter of Eddie and Patricia Griswold Oliver, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

September 27.

Dr. Irvine will preach from Philippians 2:1-13 on the subject "Being a Christian: State, or Process?" Hymns to be sung are "Crown Him With Many Crowns," "Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun," and "Savior, Thy Dying Love."

October 4. World Wide Communion Sunday

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SPECIAL PROGRAM MINISTRIES

Neighbors in Need is not only the name of our annual all-church offering for special homeland ministries. It is also a description of millions of people in the United States.

The appeals for help pour in steadily from all corners of the land. Among a host of worthy proposals, our representatives in the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ have chosen the following for support by the 1987 Neighbors in Need offering.

AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRIES

COMMUNITIES NEED churches—or they perish. Churches need pastoral leadership—or they wither.

The United Church of Christ has the two-fold responsibility to help support congregations in our Indian communities, and to help recruit and equip pastors for Indian churches.

Part of our gifts to Neighbors in Need helps CAIM, the Council for American Indian Ministry, carry out this responsibility in behalf of all of us.

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NEIGHBORS IN NEED ALL-CHURCH OFFERING

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In an increasing number of communities, the Humanity movement gathers for a day of prayer and worship. This year the celebration is for the Alamosa Habitat Project on the text "Unless the Lord build it, it will fall." Read the Tower of Babel and Psalm 127, where the text says "The Lord is our strength, and the Lord is our shield." "Holy, Holy, Holy!", "Awake, My Church," "Where Cross the Crowded Ways," "The Daughter of Eddie and Patricia," "The Sacrament of Baptism."

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No one would claim that ordained pastoral leadership is a panacea. It takes devout and committed laity to make a church grow in size and mission. But often the very prospect of having fulltime pastoral leadership can turn a congregation around. And that is what CAIM seeks to provide—now and for the future.

In the long run, pastoral leadership for Indian churches will emerge from their own communities. But, for the time being, some of it must come from outside. Thus, while the Council for American Indian Ministry gives priority to mission with children and youth—the future ordained and lay leaders of the church—it also seeks to recruit ordained pastors to work in teams to help accomplish the mission today in reservation communities.

INFANT MORTALITY: A TRAGEDY WE CAN PREVENT

EVERY YEAR, tens of thousands of infants die at birth, or shortly thereafter, from causes that could have been prevented. Many of their mothers never saw a physician until they delivered. Many of them did not eat properly, or smoked, drank, and even used drugs, during pregnancy. We can deplore that situation. But what can we do to prevent infant mortality?

The Office for Church in Society (OCIS) of the United Church of Christ doesn't have all the answers. But, with part of its share of our gifts to Neighbors in Need, OCIS will implement a ministry to address this national tragedy in three ways: first, by raising public awareness about the extent of infant mortality in our nation; second, by

NEIGHBORS IN NEED ALL-CHURCH OFFERING

communities and churches in replicating the model programs, and finally establish linkage with policy-making bodies concerning the needs of this target group.



CONTINUING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH

LEAVING SCHOOL before graduation is not a new problem. But it isn't a vanishing problem, either. Drop-out rates have not been reduced during the past twenty years.

But what can United Church of Christ congregations do?

Public schools are only as effective as the community support they receive, and that obviously has not been enough. The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, sponsor of this special project, already knows from experience that community partnerships to improve public education can demonstrate to society that the church and public schools can work together for the good of our children and youth. With our gifts to an earlier Neighbors in Need offering, they funded a dozen successful local projects in which local churches sought to stem the drop-out rate through community cooperation.

This special ministry with our neighbors at risk of dropping out of school seeks to continue that

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support by helping them develop the skills and self-esteem necessary to complete their educations by recognizing and honoring those who excel, and by encouraging those who can to continue their education at the college and university level.

PROTECTING FARMWORKERS AGAINST PESTICIDES

ALL OF US are exposed to pesticides. But the chief victims of the extensive use of chemical agents in agriculture today are the two and one-half million seasonal and migrant farmworkers who harvest the crops.

How do pesticides affect them? What can we do to protect them? These are the unanswered questions that the Commission for Racial Justice program ministry to farmworkers will address with part of its share of our gifts to Neighbors in Need.

This special program will begin by identifying five representative farm communities for careful study as model sites. Then concerned local persons will be brought together to plan for a site visit to dramatize the local pesticide problems. A team consisting of religious, health, legal, educational, and communications resource persons will then visit each site for up to two weeks. This visit will serve as a catalyst for public hearings, field visits, seminars on specific issues, training workshops. At the conclusion of the five site visits the findings will be combined into a major report of the medical, environmental, legal, and social consequences of pesticide use in farmworker communities.



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10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This will be our day apart for Service. We will learn about our Mission in Zimbabwe. Elaine McDuff will show slides and tell us about our mission.

Our activities will be to send clothes to Zimbabwe. We will have three tables of baked goods, plants and attic treasures to raise money for the postage to mail the clothes.

We will have a great time and help our missionaries. They are in desperate need for clothes.

See you at the Parish House on the 26th. Bring your sandwich.

Sara Dodson, Chairman
Spiritual Life Committee

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ACOLYTES

Calling all acolytes old and new. Come to a pizza party Sunday, September 27 at 12:15, right after church. We'll have lunch and then instruction will be given for new acolytes. If you are new and can't attend, please tell Dr. Irvine.

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OUR BABIES NEED YOU

If you've looked at the nursery door lately you'll have noticed all the little balloons with the names of children two and under in our church. There are quite a few. These children need your time and attention. Volunteers are needed to help staff the nursery during the church school hour. If we can find a dozen people willing to give some time, no one needs to be overworked. Marie Wilkins has agreed to co-ordinate this effort but she can't do it alone. We talk a lot about ministering to young families; providing a consistent nursery program during church school is one way to put our good intentions into action. If you can help, please see Beth or call the church office.

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YOUTH NEWS

Sept. 18, 19, 20 - Ivy, Macon, and Joel will be representing us at the Youth Leaders' Retreat at Blowing Rock. We plan to return with lots of exciting new ideas.

Sept. 27 - 12 noon - Pizza Party for old and new acolytes.

2 p.m. - We'll meet to work on pieces of a Shalom Ribbon for the CROP Walk. This ribbon, which will express Alamance County's hopes for the world, needs to be 500 yards long to encircle the track at Memorial Stadium. Come help with our contribution.

Oct. 4 - CROP Walk - Meet at the church at 12:45 p.m. to walk as a group. If you don't have a sponsor sheet yet, sign up after church or see Beth.

Oct. 24 - A hayride is planned with Brick UCC, Shallowford and other area UCC youth.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Warren Jeffries, recovering from surgery at Memorial Hospital performed Monday, September 14th.

KINDLING THOUGHTS;

One of my favorite lines in Pilgrim's Progress says of a character who has crossed the border between this life and the next, having fought the good fight: "And all the trumpets sounded on the other side."

Well, here's an alternate scenario concerning the same set of circumstances, especially for all you folk who love to go fishing:

THE DEVOUT ANGLER

The years will bring their anodyne
But I shall never quite forget
The fish that I had counted mine
And lost before they reached the net.

Last night I put my rod away
Remorseful and disconsolate,
Yet I had suffered yesterday
No more than I deserved from fate.

And as I scored another trout
Upon my list of fish uncaught,
I should have offered thanks, no doubt,
For salutary lessons taught.

Alas! Philosophy avails
As little as it used to do;
More comfort is there still in tales
That may be, or may not be true.

Is it not possible to pray
That I may see those fish once more?
I hear a voice that seems to say,
"They are not lost but gone before."

When in my pilgrimage I reach
The river that we all must cross
And land upon that further beach
Where earthly gains are counted loss

KINDLING THOUGHTS -

May I not earthly loss repair?
Well, if those fish should rise again,
There shall be no more parting there--
Celestial gut will stand the strain.

And, issuing from the portal, one
Who was himself a fisherman
Will drop his keys and, shouting, run
To help me land leviathan.

- Author Unknown

Trumpets? the Big One that got away? No matter what our heart's desire, it will be better than that. For "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him" (I Corinthians 2:9, KJV). Meantime we should be about the business of helping make it better for each other here, realizing the text applies to this life too--God can do far more than we think around here. Through us. If we give God an opening.

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Thank You, Church School Teachers!

The Board of Christian Education would like to recognize a very special group of people - our Church School teachers for the 1987-88 term. We appreciate the time and energy these leaders are donating to the service of our church and its members, both young and old.

A list of teachers and the classes they are teaching are as follows:

Nursery - Marie Wilkins
Nora Griswold

Beginners (Ages 3-5) - Sue Brown
Julie MacKenzie
Pam Kiser, substitute

Juniors (Grades 1-5) - Janet Mayse
Carol Dollar
Ann Acquilano
Kristin Wilkins

Youth (Middle-Senior High) - Robin Woody
Chip and Robin McCraw

Seekers - Al Carpenter
Ken Harper
Louis Wilkins

Adult Class - Bob and Mary Kimball
James Overton
Earl Danieleley
Marsh McLelland
Richard McBride

Additional teachers are needed in the Nursery. If you are willing to serve a few hours a month, please contact Beth Lyon or me.

Patricia Woody

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



- 16 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 17 - 8:00 p.m. Organ Recital - Dr. Wayne Moore
- 19 - Barbee - Camacho Wedding
- 20 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Installation Service for Rev. Mike Wilburn - Brick Church
- 21 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
8:00 p.m. Budget Committee
- 22 - 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 23 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 24 - 7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting
- 26 - 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Retreat
- 27 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Board of Missions
- 28 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:30 p.m. Allied Churches of Alamance County
Front Street Methodist Church
- 29 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 30 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



CROP WALK OCTOBER 4

Sunday, October 4 is a big day in Alamance County. It is a day when we have the opportunity to help the hungry. How can you help?

1. Sign up and walk for the hungry. Last year we had five walkers who raised more than \$50.00 each. Let's double that number!
2. Contribute by sponsoring those who walk.
3. Help to serve at the rest stop at our Church. We will need many volunteers for this. See Robert Kittenger or Al Carpenter to serve at this rest stop.

SIGN UP this Sunday before or after Church and let us know that we can count on you. Thank you very much.

Earl Danieleley

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CERAMICS - Fall Ceramics are ready. Our first meeting will be September 21, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Plan now to come and make Thanksgiving and Christmas items. Call Sara Dodson 227-8418.

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"Laying the Cornerstone"

From Conference Minister, Rollin Russell:

"I have a deep sense of urgency about the mission of our Southern Conference. God is giving us an unique opportunity. The areas we serve in North Carolina and Virginia are experiencing rapid growth which is expected to continue through the decade of the 1990's. There is a real vitality in many of our churches and, because of it, numbers of persons are feeling themselves called to the ordained ministry. The leadership of the Conference is committed to responsible growth in our churches and in our witness.

These factors together comprise a kind of providential mandate for a vigorous new effort in church growth and development and in education for the ministry. The Cornerstone campaign seeks to lay a solid base for these efforts. It proposes an ambitious program of new church starts, church renewal projects and support for the ministry.

Together we can lay a cornerstone for the building of a faithful future."

In response to Dr. Russell and the Southern Conference:

Upon the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee and the Board of Missions of the Elon College Community Church, the Church Council on August 23, 1987 approved the following:

"We believe:

That our church will support Cornerstone,
That a special canvass some six weeks before our 'Pony Express' canvass will be most effective and may enhance our annual budget giving, and
That \$5,000 annually for three years is a reasonable goal, with pledges to be separately made but paid to the Church as a fourth category with regular pledge payments."

Beginning Sunday, September 6, bulletin inserts detail the needs of the Conference as set forth in the Cornerstone Campaign: Church Development, Ministerial Education and Clergy Assistance Fund.

The Cornerstone Campaign in our church begins on October 18 with a Covered Dish Supper in the Parish House. All pledges should be in the church office by October 26.

W. J. Andes,
Board of Missions

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October 11. Laity Sunday.

Dr. Martin Sholtzberger will preach on "A Minister and the Congregation." Hymns had not been chosen at the time the Torch went to press.

October 18.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "Too Much Stuff!" from Luke 12:13-21. Hymns to be sung include "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," and "God of Grace and God of Glory."

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CLERGY MEMORIAL LECTURE SET

The Clergy Memorial Lecture for 1987 will be in memory of the Rev. Clyde Fields. It will be held in our sanctuary on Tuesday evening, October 13th, at 7:30 p.m. The lecturer will be Richard C. Chewning, Ph. D., Chavonne Professor of Christian Ethics in Business at Baylor University. He will speak on "You--Me--and Ivan Boesky: What We All Have in Common Ethically."

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Neighbors In Need Offering

The special offering for Neighbors In Need, our homeland ministry, will be received on Sunday, October 4th. An envelope for your contribution is enclosed in this TORCH.

Our 1987 Neighbors In Need offering will support six programs:

1. Churches and Pastoral Leadership for American Indian communities.
2. Prevention of the Extremely High Rate of Infant Mortality.
3. Leadership Roles for Women in Immigrant Communities.
4. A Dignified Life for Older Black Americans.
5. Continuing Community Partnerships in Educational Opportunity for Disadvantaged Youth (Preventing drop-outs).
6. Protecting Farmworkers against Pesticides.

Together with other United Church of Christ churches all over the U.S., we can make a difference in meeting these great needs.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Women's Fellowship Circles meet next week on Monday and Tuesday, October 5th and 6th.

We will be discussing "ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH REVELATION."

The Fellowship plans to prepare a booklet of favorite Bible Verses, Poems, Quotations and Original Thoughts related to our theme for the year "Encountering God." Please bring some "Thought" to share. We want every member to make a contribution to this "GOD IS WITH ME AND I KNOW IT" Booklet.

Sometimes it strengthens our faith to put down on paper what God has done and is doing in our lives.

SHARE YOUR FAITH TODAY!

We urge you to join a Circle and feel the strength and refreshment of loving and being loved.

Sure it takes a lot of courage
To put things in God's hands,
To give ourselves completely,
Our lives, our hopes, our plans.
To follow where He leads us,
And make His will our own,
But all it takes is foolishness
To go the way alone.

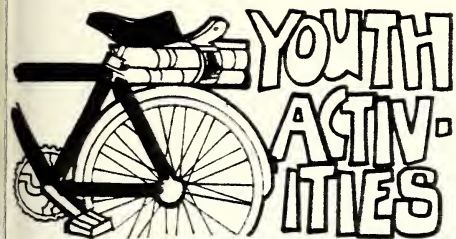
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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - Burlington Council

There will be a Bible Study at First Christian UCC on October 28, 1987 at 10:00 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey Pugh, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Elon College. Theme: "Sojourners for Justice."



- Sunday, Oct. 4 - CROP Walk. Meet in the lower parking lot at 12:45 to carpool to Memorial Stadium for the Walk.
- Sunday, Oct. 11 - 7:00 p.m. IMPORTANT DATE
We'll play some games and make plans for Oct., Nov., Dec., and Jan. The Halloween Party, night shelter project, and Jan. ski trip will be discussed.
- Sat., Oct. 24 - 6:30 p.m. Hayride, bonfire and hot dog roast with Brick and Shallowford UCC.

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MORE LAPS NEEDED

Several people have already volunteered to be caretakers in the nursery during the Church School hour. More are still needed. If we want young families to participate in our Church School program, a well staffed nursery is a must! A dark or empty room is no way to welcome small visitors. If you can lend a hand or a lap, please contact Marie Wilkins or Beth Lyon.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

On Saturday, September 26, about 30 women gathered in the Parish House to learn more about our mission at Mt. Selinda, Zimbabwe and to pack used clothing to be distributed there. After Elaine McDuff's informative presentation, we packed the clothing we had brought, and sold and bought items to raise money for their shipment. Proceeds and contributions amounted to approximately \$110. At this writing, 6 boxes of clothing have been mailed and we have enough money to send two more boxes. Additional contributions for this purpose would enable us to send more boxes. Money can be given to Sara Dodson or to our treasurer, Lou Harper. Thanks to all who helped to make this a successful project.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 4 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. CROP Walk
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
- 5 - 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2
7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:30 p.m. Circle 3
- 6 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Circle 4 - Library
- 7 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 8 - 7:00 p.m. Budget Committee
- 11 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Youth
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons
- 12 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:00 p.m. Training Session on Visiting
Dr. Rollin Russell
- 13 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Clergy Memorial Lecture
- 14 - Eastern N.C. Association Meeting
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 15 - 7:00 p.m. Budget Committee
- 17 - 9:30 a.m. Southern Conference Spiritual Renewal and
Church Growth Seminar
- 18 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Dinner - Cornerstone Campsign

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- 19 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 20 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 21 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 22 - 7:00 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL
- 24 - 6:30 p.m. Youth - Hayride
- 25 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
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- 26 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 - J. Wesley Alexander
Betty Y. Powell | 15 - Lessie Longest
Bruce Newnam |
| 2 - Ruth M. Drumm | 17 - Leffie Lowe
Greg S. Powell |
| 3 - Betty Blanchard
Thomas E. Powell IV
Mary C. Kimball | 18 - Robin S. Holt |
| 4 - Nancy Lu Irvine
George Shumar | 20 - Goldie C. Smith |
| 5 - Ruth Cheek
Marjorie Long | 23 - Noel Allen
Loretta Easton |
| 7 - David L. Hughes
Kevin Dill | 25 - Alan J. Young |
| 8 - Ralph H. Oxford
Mary Lee Hutchins | 26 - Viola M. Dean |
| 9 - Sandra Dill
Jim Lyon | 27 - Ned D. Danieleley |
| 10 - Barbara R. Byers | 28 - Kenneth S. Clem
Jackie Danieleley |
| 11 - Bill W. Blanchard | 29 - William T. Beyer |
| 12 - Helen H. Colley
Benjamin White | 30 - W. W. Sloan
Dolores H. Truitt
Charles Parcell |
| 13 - Della C. Scott | 31 - Madge Brannock
William Ellis |
| 14 - Betty T. Wagoner
Tom Conally | |



FUN CLUB NEWS

The Fun Club will meet at the Parish House on Tuesday morning, October 13th at 10:30 A.M. Bring a sandwich - the rest of the "ruffles and flourishes" for a light lunch will be provided.

You will notice that we are meeting on the 2nd Tuesday instead of the 3rd Tuesday in the month. There seemed to be some conflict of interests on that 3rd Tuesday date, so we are going to see if more people can come on the 2nd Tuesday.

We had such a good time at our last meeting. The words "See how these Christians love each other" really apply to the members of the Fun Club. We enjoyed having Dr. Martin Sholtzberger as our guest speaker, and it was great to be together again after our summer break.

NOW LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT OUR OCTOBER MEETING -- Our guest speaker will be a long time friend of mine, Mrs. Edith Witt. She was born and bred in Ohio, but now lives in Chapel Hill. Edith, a delightful speaker, is going to share with us some of the experiences she had on a recent trip to England, Scotland and Wales. This is not going to be a Travelogue, but rather a collection of "human interest stories." One thing for sure - Edith is the kind of person who has a talent for making you laugh and feel good. Come hear her, you'll like her!

We keep telling everyone "You'll enjoy the Fun Club", but you just have to come to a meeting to discover how true this is. Hope to see you on October 13th at 10:30 A.M.

Mary Kimball, President

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MEMBERS OF
THE
HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH
AT
ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Cornerstone Campaign of the Southern Conference begins in our Church Sunday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. with a Covered Dish Supper, followed by a slide presentation from the Southern Conference and a message by John G. Truitt, Jr.

John and Dolores Truitt now live here. John, for 25 years a Chaplain in the U. S. Air Corps, is now Interim Minister at Crossroads Presbyterian Church. He knows from experience the struggle in starting new churches and the desperate need for scholarship assistance to seminary students.

For those unable to attend the October 18th evening meeting, pledge cards will be mailed to you the following week for your participation.

In this way, we the members of this "Household of Faith" can share in starting new churches and in assisting seminary students to become pastors of churches.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
Oct. 4	D/M Fred Young	E. Woody/A. Rose	Dollar
11	D/M Robert Kimball	J. Brown/H. Troxler	Hunter Fa
18	D/M Alfred Hurst	K. Brown/B. Harper	Barney Fa
25	M/M Chip McCraw	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Shotzberg

USHERS

Oct. 4	Fred Young, Mike Mayse, Robert Kittenger, Mike Gregory.
11	Jeff Wilkins, Robin Woody, Holt Sutton, Steve Perry.
18	J. L. Dixon, William P. Smith, Charles Liscum, Tim Parker, Howard Edgerton.
25	Mark Danielely, Jim Lyon, Martin Shotzberger.

SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Single Pledge</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Bene- volences</u>	<u>Build Fund</u>
Sept. 6	120	\$ 550.50	\$2,116.22	\$ 495.00	\$115.50
13	188	489.50	773.82	118.00	16.50
20	161	94.50	737.47	139.50	16.50
27	<u>139</u>	<u>249.50</u>	<u>428.50</u>	<u>102.00</u>	<u>37.50</u>
Totals	608	\$1,384.00	\$4,056.01	\$ 854.50	\$186.00

	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Benevolences</u>
Annual Budget	\$93,893.00	\$11,965.00
Budget to date	70,419.78	8,973.72
Receipts to date	67,263.50	8,430.00

Challenge gifts for September:

Habitat for Humanity Memorial	\$ 5.00
Good Samaritan Fund	46.60
Challenge Fund	55.00
Habitat for Humanity	10.00

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

October 18.

"Too Much Stuff!" will be the subject of Dr. Irvine's sermon, from Luke 12:13-21. Hymns will include "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," and "God of Grace and God of Glory."

October 25.

Our pastor will preach on "The Odd Arithmetic of Jesus" from Luke 12:41-48. Hymns will include "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "How Firm a Foundation," and "Take My Life and Let It Be."

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YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, Oct. 18 7:30 p.m. Meet for games and some important discussion about events for the next four months, including the hayride, the ski trip and more.

Sat., Oct. 24 6:30 p.m. Meet in the parish house parking lot to carpool to Brick Church for a hayride and hot dog roast.

Friday, Oct. 30 7:00 p.m. Halloween Party - Come join in the fun at the all-church party. Help will be needed with decorating and running games (fish pond, apple bobbing, etc.)

Sat., Oct. 31 We have been invited to Youth Day at Duke. There will be a morning program and worship service followed by the Duke vs. Georgia Tech game. If you are interested let Beth know.

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THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

Each year, we are asked to support our own Church's budget, and our annual pony express drive will soon be here again. However, added to the needs of our church, there are needs beyond our community which require support by our church and other churches united by a common Christian purpose.

The United Church of Christ Southern Conference Leadership has identified needs, quantified the money needed to meet these needs and now seeks the support of each of its affiliated churches to raise the required funds. These needs and the necessary funds are described in the enclosed booklet.

Our Church Council, consisting of fellow members of our congregation, has considered these proposed Cornerstone goals and has concluded that a reasonable share for the Elon College Community Church would be \$5,000/year for each of the next three years.

If each of our church families would pledge \$1.00 per week, the approximate cost of a building block, (equating the cost of a Sunday newspaper, a pack of cigarettes or a gallon of gas), we will share in the building of the future of the United Church of Christ.

Please review the Cornerstone Booklet and reaffirm the depth of your faith in the principles of the United Church of Christ by pledging what you feel you can afford for this worthy purpose. Pledge in whatever increments are convenient to you: so much per week; per month; quarterly etc.

A cornerstone is a beginning--many blocks are required to complete church. Because others helped, we've got our church with all of its benefits--Let's join together to help others create a church such as ours!

W. J. Andes
Board of Missions

P.S. You will want to hear John G. Truitt at the Covered Dish Supper October 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House! He not only was a Chaplain in the U.S. Air Corps for 25 years but he started new churches and assisted ministers all over the world. John is a dynamic speaker - you're sure to enjoy his talk.

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THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped with our rest stop for this year's CROP Walk. Everything went so smoothly and it was a great opportunity to give hospitality to a big chunk of Alamance County! Special thanks to Bob Kittenger for all the time and effort he put into keeping us organized.

AND NOW. . . .THE SUPPER CLUB

A fellowship group for college students is underway here at the church. We have been meeting twice monthly for supper in the Parish House and have averaged 8-10 people. Ideas for future activities, like a trip to Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds have been discussed. What we need for the immediate future are people to host and provide some food for these suppers. Our next supper is planned for October 25 at 6:00 p.m. We also plan to meet November 8 and November 22. If you can help to provide hospitality for a delightful group of young adults, please see Beth Lyon.

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - Burlington Council

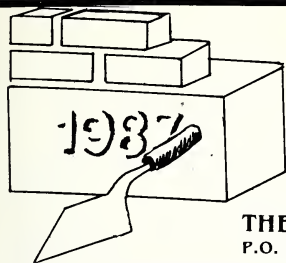
There will be a Bible Study at First Christian UCC on October 28, 1987 at 10:00 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey Pugh, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Elon College. Theme: "Sojourners for Justice."

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AND PROPHETS,
CHRIST JESUS
HIMSELF BEING THE
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(Ephesians 2:19-20)





THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

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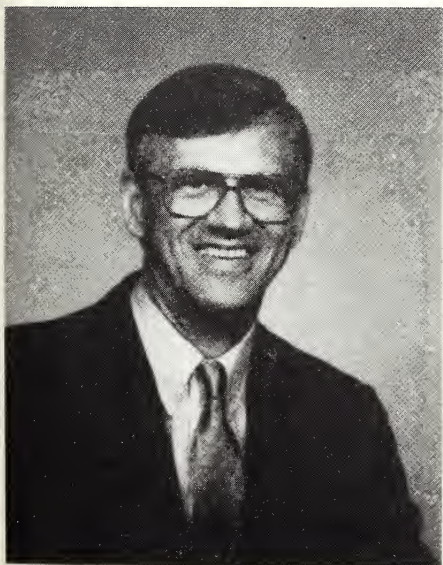
LAYING THE CORNERSTONE

I have a deep sense of urgency about the mission of our Southern Conference. God is giving us a unique opportunity through the convergence of several important factors. First, the areas we serve in North Carolina and Virginia are experiencing rapid growth which is projected to continue through the decade of the 1990's. Also, there is real vitality in many of our churches and because of it, numbers of persons are feeling themselves called to the Ordained Ministry. Finally, the leadership of the Conference is committed to responsible growth in our churches and in our witness. These factors together comprise a kind of providential mandate for a vigorous new effort in church development and in education for the ministry.

The Cornerstone Campaign seeks to lay a solid base for those efforts. It was first suggested as part of a five year plan for stewardship in the Conference. It was approved by the Board of Directors and by the 1985 Annual Meeting as a means of strengthening our total mission. Its goal and purposes were carefully shaped through a feasibility study conducted in 1986. It proposes an ambitious program of new church starts, renewal projects, and support for the ministry. It holds the promise of sustaining these critical areas of mission far into the future.

Please review this material carefully and give it prayerful consideration. I hope that in so doing you will catch a vision of the future strength and mission of Southern Conference which is possible through this effort. And, of course, I hope you will decide to support it. Together we can lay a cornerstone for the building of a faithful future.

Rollin O. Russell
Conference Minister



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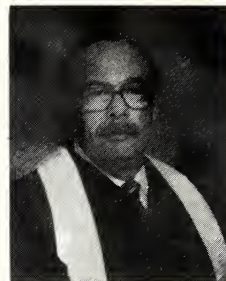
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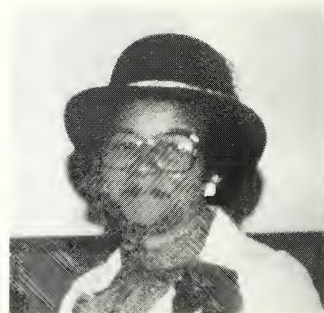
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"As long as I have been in the Southern Conference, this is the most Christlike benevolence we have been asked to contribute to. We will be working to build something, not pay off something that has already been done."

Rev. Billy Joe Leonard
Second U.C.C.,
Lexington, NC



"The Cornerstone Campaign provides an opportunity for each of us to participate in a much-needed program of the Southern Conference, individually or through our local church. People I have talked with seem especially interested in raising funds for the education and ongoing training of all our ministers. Please support this effort."

Mrs. Uva Holland
Christian Chapel
U.C.C., Apex, NC

THE LIST OF NEEDS

I. MISSION AND EVANGELISM

A. Church Development \$150,000



Pilgrim U.C.C. in Charlotte—the "brown house," now being remodeled and painted white.

"Part of the joy and excitement of working in a new church start is the sense of sharing in the strengthening of the whole church. New church starts are only possible through the support of the wider church."

Rev. James Humphrey
Pilgrim U.C.C., Charlotte, NC

The need for church development in the Southern Conference is immense as parts of North Carolina and Virginia experience population booms. From now until 1990, certain sections of Charlotte, Raleigh, Cary, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake are projected to welcome thousands of new families! Many newcomers are members of the United Church of Christ and seek a vital, promising U.C.C. congregation. A weak U.C.C. presence in these areas causes us to lose people whose time, talents, and energy could significantly further the life and mission of Southern Conference.

Two ways to strengthen the United Church of Christ in our geographical area are 1) the renewal of existing churches, and 2) new church starts. The Southern Conference currently supports renewal projects in Charlotte and Richmond. We are helping Pilgrim Church in Charlotte with pastoral subsidy funds so the congregation can conduct a strong outreach in that area of high potential for membership growth. First U.C.C. in Richmond needs a more suitable building in a new location, and construction is currently underway. Building and property costs are high, however, and Southern Conference has been able to give only minimal financial aid to the church thus far.

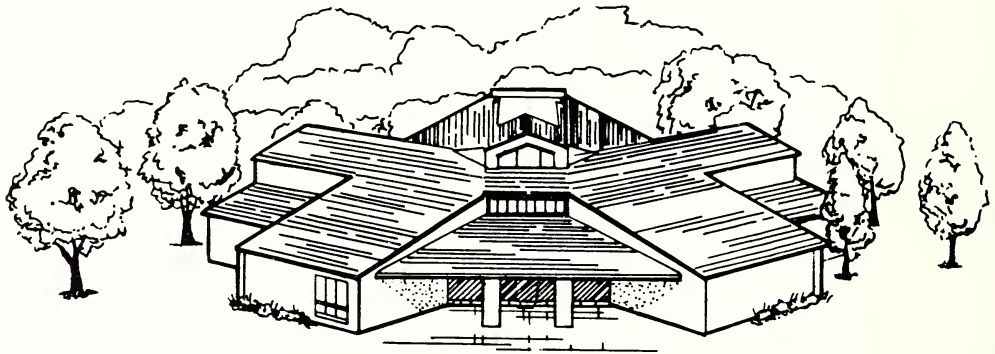
When it seems appropriate to undertake a renewal project, the staff and Conference Board of Directors evaluate the church's situation to determine its potential and needs. Perhaps the church requires financial help in sustaining full-time pastoral leadership. Perhaps it requires a new building and location altogether. In other instances, the church may need training to increase membership, reach inactive members, or equip the laity for more competent leadership. Adequate funds could help us give such churches a new vitality and motivation that will turn them into growing congregations with a well-balanced program for all ages.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR CHURCH RENEWAL: \$50,000.

Preliminary work has begun for a new church start in Cary, North Carolina, one of the ten fastest growing boom towns in the United States. The Southern Conference will covenant with the Board for Homeland Ministries to subsidize the organizing minister's first five years of salary. BHM will provide low interest loans for the building site and for construction. After five years, the church should be ready to build and have a full program for a growing congregation. Research shows that a well-organized church in the Cary area can achieve this goal.

Your contribution to the Cornerstone Campaign will help us provide outstanding leadership in Cary, further insuring success there, and begin plans for other new churches in areas with phenomenal population growth. Some funds for renewals and new church starts are now available from the annual interest on our Southern Conference Mission Board Endowment. Significant contributions to the endowment will increase resources for church development and insure their use into the future. You may, however, designate your gift for current use in present efforts.

FUNDS NEEDED FOR NEW CHURCH STARTS: \$100,000.



Architect's Drawing of the Richmond Church

"The need for the Cornerstone Campaign is great, and I wholeheartedly support the efforts of the people who designed and will implement this endeavor. The relocation project for our congregation after completion will probably cost \$600,000. BHM carries a \$246,000 mortgage for us. Our congregation has stretched itself to the limit, supporting with heart and soul and purse our 'resurrection.' The future looks bright for our family of faith, however, as we have added to our membership 17 adults and 8 children in the last six months."

Rev. Ineke Mitchell
First U.C.C., Richmond, VA

B. Media Advertising \$25,000

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the story of
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Throughout the Conference, people have expressed a need to understand who they are as members of the United Church of Christ and the Southern Conference and what they represent. They also want to project a positive image to the community at large. One exciting way to strengthen our identity and project a positive image is through an appropriate use of the communications media.

In recent years, a Southern Conference Media Committee proved that positive publicity generates visitors on Sunday morning. A pilot project in 1984 indicated that positive results can be obtained by using radio, T.V., newspapers and direct mail. A Conference-wide strategy for creating and utilizing such ads and public messages could be developed and implemented. The Conference will need substantial financial contributions if it undertakes such a media project. The possible benefits of quality work, however, are very compelling.

Such an effort can be especially effective as part of an emphasis on evangelism and outreach in area churches. Our Evangelism Commission has developed effective training techniques to help church people reach out to potential members and invite them into our fellowship. Your gifts to our Cornerstone Campaign can insure a comprehensive program of mission and outreach.

"People inside and outside the U. C. C. form an identity of our church based on the media. The use of media becomes an important resource in the cultivation of an insider's sense of identity and belonging, as well as the development of an outsider's understanding. But no identity-formation can take place if the strongest formation and proclamation of God's good news in Christ is not the life and witness of a living congregation."

Rev. Richard Edens
Southern Conference Media Task Force

**Come worship with us at 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. on Sundays;
church school is from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.**

There's been a change in the neighborhood...

from a direct mailing
to families in the
Pilgrim U.C.C.
neighborhood in
Charlotte.



and we think it's for the better.

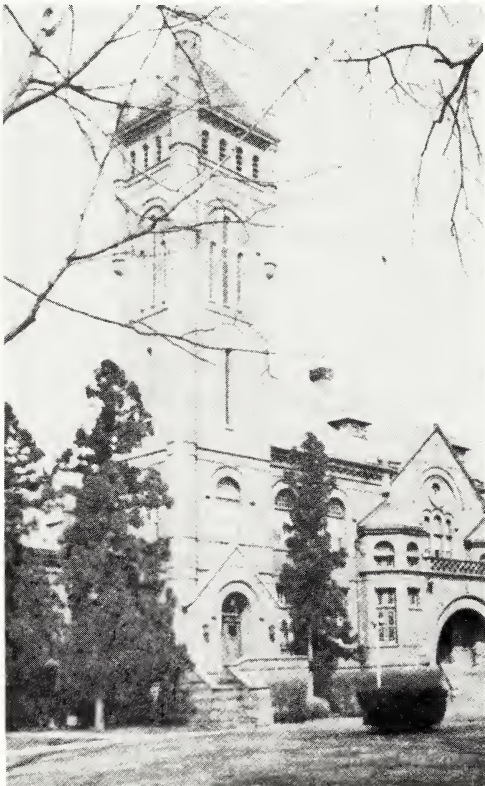
II. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

A. Scholarships for Seminary Students \$100,000

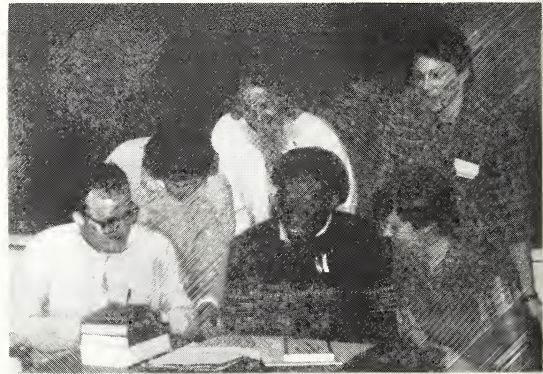


Phillip R. Myers
Lancaster Seminarian

The Southern Conference has an endowed scholarship fund for seminarians. It currently totals \$39,000, from which we may use only the annual interest of approximately \$3,000.00. In addition, Associations provide some scholarship assistance. The Conference receives an average of 16 to 20 applications for scholarship aid each year, however. The current income is thus woefully insufficient to provide adequate assistance to our many qualified students. You may help us increase our scholarship assistance by adding directly to the endowment or specifying your contribution for current seminary scholarship support. This scholarship fund is administered by the Scholarship Committee of the Conference Church Life and Leadership Commission.



Lancaster Theological Seminary



U.C.C. Seminarians at Duke

"I believe that the Conference was as financially supportive as possible, considering the funds available. I am glad to see some new initiatives being taken to raise more funds for the much-needed financial assistance for seminarians."

Rev. Raymond Hargrove
Upcoming Graduate of
Duke Divinity School

B. Continuing Education \$35,000

"We are now really becoming aware in the Conference and Association of the need for continual training of ministers. Those who have not had seminary training need the basics for becoming fully competent ministers. For those who have completed college and seminary, there is especially in this day an ongoing need for broadening one's knowledge base."

Rev. Ervin Milton
Associate Conference Minister
Eastern North Carolina Association



The Southern Conference has a unique need in the fact that 132 of our 318 congregations are served on a part-time basis by faithful and gifted ministers who have not had the benefit of seminary education. These ministers are eager to increase their knowledge and skills for their ministry, and the Conference is embarking on a comprehensive program to assist them. For the past four years we have sponsored a program at Lancaster Theological Seminary that has had over 50 participants. In cooperation with three instrumentalities of the national U.C.C., we have now begun a new program of Continuing Education for ministry which will enhance the effectiveness of 60-80 of these pastors. Your gifts will insure the success of these programs.

In addition, there is a constant need to provide high quality Continuing Education opportunities for our seminary-trained clergy. An endowment fund for this purpose could make it possible to bring nationally prominent leaders and teachers to the Conference as part of a comprehensive plan. It would also provide some funds to help finance individual educational plans on a grant/application basis.

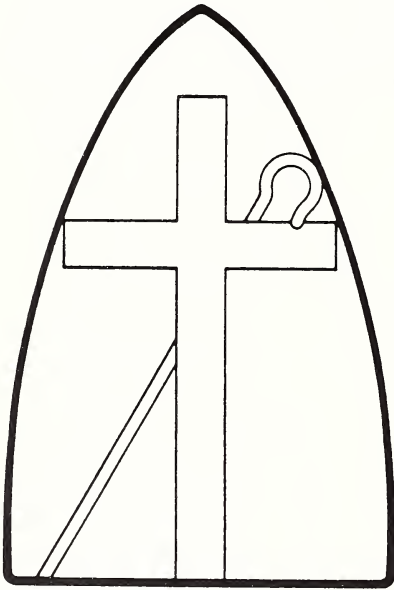


**At Left:
ENC Clergy at Continuing Education
Event in Durham.**

**Above:
Rev. Ervin Milton and Dr. Frederick
Herzog interact with ENC clergy at
Continuing Education Event.**

III. CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

Clergy Assistance Fund \$40,000



We are becoming increasingly aware that clergy as well as laity sometimes experience periods of emotional or financial crisis. The Southern Conference began in 1986 to provide a cost-sharing pastoral counseling and referral program for ministers and their families. Each minister in good standing and his/her spouse and dependents may participate by contacting an approved pastoral care center in their area. The participants must pay a portion of the cost of the counseling service; the Conference pays the balance up to the limit of \$500.00 per year per family. It is a much desired and frequently used service. In our first year we have served 30 pastors and family members. Your gift will help establish a permanent fund, or may be given for current expenses.

On those rarer occasions when a minister experiences true financial crisis, the Conference is sometimes called upon to provide emergency aid. The Pension Board of the United Church of Christ can provide financial relief, but it cannot respond immediately and will give assistance only once for each pastor. True emergency situations sometimes require faster action or occur more than once. The Conference Minister and his associates are careful to determine genuine need. Special funds could enable them to assist pastors in financial crisis quickly before the crisis accelerates to greater proportions.

THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Cornerstone Campaign has as its goal \$385,000 for endowment funds and current use. This sum will enable the Southern Conference to embark on a vigorous mission program of Mission and Evangelism, Ministerial Education and Assistance. It will also enable us to sustain those efforts into the future.

You may make a special gift directly to the Southern Conference or give through your church. Each congregation will be asked to accept a three-year goal. Funds that are received without designation will be divided proportionally among all the areas of mission and used for endowment.

I. Mission and Evangelism

A. Church Development

1. Church Renewal \$50,000

Make it possible to initiate a renewal
project every second year and support
each project through its subsidy period

2. New Church Starts \$100,000

Make it possible to initiate one new church
start project every second year and support
each project through its subsidy period

3. Media Advertising \$25,000

Develop a variety of image-enhancing
advertising tools for media use, and
utilize them in target areas in
conjunction with programs of
evangelistic outreach

II. Ministerial Outreach

A. Scholarships for Seminary Students \$100,000

Added to current funds, this amount would
build an endowment, the interest from
which would provide significant assistance
to seminarians

B. Continuing Education \$35,000

Half will be used in next five years for a
special project for non seminary-trained pastors
Half will be invested to provide quality
Continuing Education opportunities for clergy

III. Clergy Assistance Fund \$40,000

Pay for the annual cost of counseling
programs and provide basis for Conference
emergency assistance to clergy families

Cost of the Campaign \$35,000

Total Campaign Needs \$385,000



OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 14 - Eastern N.C. Association Meeting
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 15 - 7:00 p.m. Budget Committee
- 17 - 9:30 a.m. Southern Conference Spiritual Renewal and Church Growth Seminar
- 18 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Dinner - Cornerstone Campaign
7:30 p.m. Youth Meeting
- 19 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:00 p.m. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- 20 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 21 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 22 - 6:30 p.m. Burlington Area Men's Fellowship
Brick UCC
7:00 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL
- 24 - 6:30 p.m. Youth - Hayride
- 25 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Student Fellowship Dinner
- 26 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
- 27 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 28 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
7:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee
- 30 - 7:00 p.m. HALLOWEEN PARTY



KINDLING THOUGHTS

You can see and hear a tornado coming. Lightning usually announces itself at a distance before it approaches you. We are usually well forewarned concerning a hurricane. But earthquakes are different. They sneak up on you and strike without warning. You can be tying your tie--as I was, that morning in Pasadena--with life going along as it always does on one level, and in an eyeblink the building is groaning and squeaking and complaining loudly, the floor is rocking you from side to side, and you have to sit down on the bed to keep from being knocked over. Only after the initial surge of pure fear does faith get a chance to be heard--in astonishment that the building is so sturdy it can take that awful abuse and nothing falls or cracks or shatters. (I later found out that large newer buildings in California are built on concrete slabs above which are huge nylon rollers beneath the main part of the structure. These serve to damp down the effect of the earthquake before it can all be transmitted to the building. Perhaps the Hilton where we were housed for our meeting was built like that.)

How soon we forget! A few days later we were pretty well lulled into a false sense of security because all the after-shocks had been minor in comparison, and enough time had gone by the odds were against another large aftershock. Sunday morning at 4 we were all asleep in our beds when we were jolted wide awake by the same terrifying shaking and groaning--only it's worse when you're lying in bed looking up wondering if now the ceiling will fall on you. (It didn't. Only a mirror fell out of the ceiling of the elevator in the second large jolt. The magnificent building held up beautifully.)

The world now seems perceptible more fragile than it did before I went through these events. I and the rest of us attending the church meetings there were well protected and suffered no harm. But lots of people sustained plenty of damage to their homes and some lost their lives. We cracked jokes and told each other earthquake stories in part to help damp down the remaining terror these events stirred deep within us.

How fit this into the life of attempting to live the Christian faith? It helps to recognize that the price of creation is a dynamic rather than a finished world, and some times the earth will quake and the creation will groan in travail. Earthquakes are not outside of God's providence.

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KINDLING THOUGHTS - continued

The responses they call forth from us become testimonies to the life of faith in us. (We responded with an offering of about \$4,500 to assist earthquake victims and UCC churches in the hardest-hit quake areas; and we tried to organize a work party to help with clean-up, but the logistics of that seemed insurmountable because of transportation difficulties.)

Whenever I think that an 8.1 quake (on the Richter scale) is fully 100 times as strong as the 6.1 I experienced that Thursday morning, I back off swiftly from even trying to imagine what it would be like. The "biggie" expected to hit out there some time in the next few decades boggles the mind.

I am driven back to some phrases that have stuck with me: "He's got the whole world in his hands;" "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee;" that refrain in the earthquake psalm (#46) "The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge;" "God's steadfast love endures for ever"--no matter what the earth does. Fear may surge up, but quiet faith steals back in because terror cannot sustain itself forever. The earth may be fragile, but God is sturdy.

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THANKS FOR THE NIN OFFERING

On October 4, 1987, the people of this church gave \$614.00 to the Neighbors - In - Need Offering. The Board of Missions takes this opportunity to thank each one who gave.

Our gifts support ministries with specific people in mind - American Indians members of the United Church of Christ, expectant mothers who lack prenatal care, future immigrant women community leaders, older Black Americans, migrant farm workers, and educationally disadvantaged youth. The needs are great and we thank you for your gifts.

Ellie Ketcham, Chairman
All Church Offerings Committee

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BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE

The Elon College Exchange Club will sell Brunswick Stew, beginning Friday, October 16, at noon, on the lot across South Williamson Avenue from the Post Office and at the Exchange Club building on West Haggard Avenue in Elon College. The sale will continue on Saturday morning, 8 a.m. until sold out. The stew will be \$3.00 per carton.

W. J. Andes

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Burlington Area Men's Fellowship meets at Brick United Church of Christ, Whitsett, N.C. on Thursday, October 22, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. Elon men meet in the south parking lot of the Church at 6:30 p.m. to go together to Brick Church.

Elon College Community Church Men's Fellowship meets Sunday, November 1, 1987 at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. Special guests: "Trail Bosses" for the Pony Express.

Earl Parker

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

November 1.

This is All Saints' Day (Hallowe'en is the eve of All Hallows or All Saint's Day) in the traditional church calendar. It is also the Sunday of parents' Weekend at Elon College and we can expect many visitors. Dr. Irvine will preach on "Called to be Saints--Together" from I Corinthians 1:1-3; the title is a direct quotation from a charge Paul puts in the salutation of his letter to the church at Corinth. Are only special people saints? Or is every Christian a saint? All Saints' Day is a good time to think this through. Hymns will include "For the Beauty of the Earth," our November hymn of the month "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff," and "For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest." Pony Express Trail Bosses will be recognized.

November 8.

Our pastor's sermon will be on "The Stewardship of Unrighteous Mammon" from Luke 16:1-13. Hymns will include "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation," the hymn of the month, and "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" (Both of these latter two hymns were authored by Thomas T. Lynch, an ancestor of several members of our contregation.) This is also "Elon Home for Children" Day.

November 15.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Dr. Irvine's meditation will be entitled "The Generous Gesture" from Matthew 26:6-13. Hymns beside the hymn of the month will be "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."

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This year our congregation will be host to the congregation of Elon College First Baptist Church at the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 25, at 7 p.m. The Rev. Norman Harris, pastor of ECFBC, will be the speaker.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

NOV. 1, 1987 --TO HOST

PONY EXPRESS TRAIL BOSSES

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1987 IN THE PARISH HOUSE. THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP EXTENDS THIS INVITATION TO THE PONY EXPRESS TRAIL BOSSES AND THEIR WIVES TO ATTEND AS GUESTS.

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CHOW WILL BE PREPARED BY CHUCK WAGON COWBOYS HOLT SUTTON, JIM GRISWOLD, AND J.L. DIXON.

RICHARD MC BRIDE, FOREMAN OF LAST YEAR'S DRIVE, WILL INTRODUCE GEORGE EDWARDS, BILL BYERS AND ELLIE KETCHAM WHO WILL SPUR US ON WITH A FEW WORDS ABOUT THIS YEAR'S PONY EXPRESS GOALS.

THE MEN OF THE CHURCH AND THE TRAIL BOSS TEAMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS GOOD FELLOWSHIP BIVOUAC WHICH WILL HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO RIDE HERD ON OUR 1988 BUDGET PROCESS.

EARL PARKER, PRES. MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

BRICK UCC ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL-SAT. NOV. 14

REV. MIKE WILBURN, FORMERLY OF OUR CHURCH AND NOW PASTOR OF THE BRICK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN WHITSETT, N.C. INVITES OUR MEMBERS TO BRICK UCC'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL.

BARBECUE OR CHICKEN PIE DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 5:00 PM UNTIL-- , FOR EAT-IN OR TAKE OUT.

ADULT \$5. CHILD \$3. PROCEEDS: ORGAN FUND.

ELON HOME FOR CHILDREN TO BE HONORED GUESTS

Sunday, November 8, we will have as our guests of honor the children and the staff of the Elon Home for Children. Those from the other two campuses - Suffolk and Charlotte, will not be here.

The old Hook House on Trollinger is now renovated and resident counsellors will be moving in soon. Johnston Hall is to undergo a complete renovation this fall, beginning with the first phase - the upstairs offices. Two of the cottages are now Crisis cottages, one for boys and the other for girls. A new school for those in the Crisis cottages has been started in McFarland Activities Building. The cost of child care is continually rising.

Our offering for Elon Homes for Children will be received on Nov 8. Use Offering Envelopes marked, "Elon Home for Children."

Marie Wilkins,
Committee on Special Offerings

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THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN

Sunday night, October 18th, 75 people attended a covered-dish supper in the Parish House, saw a film-strip presentation of the needs that the Southern Conference, UCC, has to start new churches, renew other churches of promise and provide ministerial scholarships for seminarians. They heard a stirring message by John G. Truitt, Jr. concerning these needs and our responsibility in providing at least \$5,000 a year for three years to help the Conference raise \$385,000.

Pledges were made by those present and pledge cards have been sent to the remainder of the church members. Please return these pledge cards to the church office as soon as possible with your pledge to give to meet these needs in 1988. Cornerstone Campaign will be part of the Celebration Service November 15, 6 p.m. in the Parish House. At that time we will hear also the results of the Pony Express Campaign for our church budget.

W. J. Andes
Board of Missions

CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN AND PONY EXPRESS RUN

TO CONCLUDE WITH "CELEBRATION MAGIC"

Sunday evening, November 15th, at 6:30 p.m., a treat is in store for the congregation as we gather in the Parish House for dessert and a special celebrative program to conclude our two financial campaigns of this year and hear reports concerning their achievements. The Rev. Darryl Peebles, pastor of Providence United Church of Christ in Graham and an accomplished magician, will present a special magic show entitled "Miracle the Magician Presents Magic, Mime, and More." Men of our congregation who attended the recent Burlington Area Men's Fellowship meeting at Brick Church and had a chance to watch Darryl's show will be happy to hear they have another chance to see him perform. Plan to come for a delightful evening--and pledge generously and promptly (keep your saddlebag moving!) so we can have a good report to announce.

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YOUTH NEWS

- Fri., 10/30 7:00 p.m. All-church Halloween Party. Come dressed up and help with the games for the little kids. We'll have a fish pond, apple bobbing, etc.
- Sun., 11/1 6:00 p.m. Senior Highs Supper and Movie Night at Ray Covington's house 405-A East College Ave. (across from the gym) Bring a friend.
- Sun., 11/8 12 noon Pizza after church. Make an Advent Banner for the church.
- ***Deposit due for ski retreat \$5.00/person.
- Sun., 11/15 More Banner making.
- Fri., 11/20 9:00 p.m. LOCK-IN. Theme: Other Religions.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------|----------------------|------|------------------|
| 1 - | Danny Law | | |
| | Fred Loy, Jr. | | |
| 4 - | Joe Alexander | | |
| 7 - | Betty Shomaker | 21 - | Connie M. Howard |
| 8 - | Kathleen A. Lankford | | Ola Overton |
| | Ned Poole | 24 - | Diane Timblin |
| 10 - | Patricia Woody | 27 - | C. Dwight Wall |
| | Mike Mayse | 29 - | Nina Matlock |
| 11 - | J. Fred Young | | |
| 12 - | Michael Davis | | |
| 14 - | George Edwards | | |
| 15 - | Gladys Hughes | | |
| 19 - | Brian K. Harper | | |
| | Sara F. Dodson | | |
| 20 - | Jacqueline Matlock | | |
| | Margaret W. Smith | | |
| | Amy Goude | | |



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Pony Express Trail Bosses
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. Senior High Supper and Movie Night
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
- 2 - 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2
7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:30 p.m. Circle 3
- 3 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Circle 4
- 4 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Training Session for Church Visitors
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 5 - 7:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity
- 8 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Youth - Banner Making
3:00 p.m. Christian Education Seminar
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. Student Fellowship Dinner
- 9 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
- 10 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 11 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR - continued -

- 15 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Youth - Banner Making
6:30 p.m. Celebration Dessert
Cornerstone - Pony Express Campaigns
8:00 p.m. Board of Missions
- 16 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics
7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 17 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Budget Committee
- 18 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 20 - 9:00 p.m. Youth - Lock-In
- 22 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. Student Fellowship Dinner
- 23 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramica
- 24 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 25 - 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service
- 29 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 30 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 1987 suggested budget drawn up by the Boards of the church and approved by the Budget committee and Church Council has been mailed to the membership. Some of the highlights in the Budget include:

- an enlargement of Beth Lyon's hours of service from 20 to 30 per week. Her duties would be expanded and in effect she would become more of an associate pastor than an associate in youth and children's ministries. Just how those duties would be redesigned would be worked out by the Personnel Committee and Beth in consultation with the various Boards of the church and the Church Council. The additional hours, it is felt, would strengthen the overall ministry of the church. For example, Beth might do more work with students. Presently she meets with about a dozen students from Elon College every other Sunday for a simple supper and discussion in the Parish House.

- budget items for two Habitat for Humanity organizations--the international habitat founded by Millard Fuller, to which we have been giving already, and the local Alamance County Habitat group which is meeting about monthly in our church under the chairmanship of our pastor. (Currently the group is working on several fronts, including the organizational details it needs to complete to apply for affiliate status with the parent body. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings; the next one is Thursday, November 5, at 7:30 in the Seekers' Classroom.)

- funds in the Evangelism part of our budget for some spot radio announcements, and a signboard which would be under the control of the church but could be used as a community bulletin board to be read by passersby (not drivers but walkers). In addition to other messages of community interest the church would have an opportunity to advertise its activities on this signboard. The sign would be placed close to the sidewalk in the corner of the property nearest the bank, and would be covered by a thick clear plastic in front to resist vandalism.

- modest salary increases for staff, who have not had raises for two years.
- funds for guest musicians to play instruments or sing during some of the Summer Sundays.

- reductions in certain parts of the mission budget but a significant increase in giving to the Allied Churches of Alamance County, which has a strong and varied ministry of service to our larger community and is now large enough to need a part-time executive. Richard McBride is currently the president of this group. The ACAC has recently purchased the former Burlington police Station and is renovating it for use in several kinds of ministries--housing for the homeless, soup kitchen, etc.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TOXIC JUSTICE CONFERENCE

HERE NOVEMBER 7TH

Did the recent scare concerning the toxic waste storage site in Gibsonville alert you to a problem that will continue to plague our society for the foreseeable future? What does the church have to say or do on this subject to be faithful to its Lord?

On Saturday, November 7th, beginning at 8:30 with registration and 9:00 with program, there will be a Conference on The Church and Environmental Health: Toxic Justice, sponsored by two United Church of Christ agencies--the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries and the Commission for Racial Justice. It will last until about 4:15 p.m., and will be held in the new Elon College Fine Arts Building. Cost is \$15.00 which covers cost of the program, handout materials, and lunch. Among the speakers for the occasion is Carl M. Shy, M.D., Professor of Epidemiology at UNC - Chapel Hill. Space is still available for this event; advance registration will not be necessary. Take advantage of it!

FUN CLUB NEWS

Tuesday, November 10th is the date for the next Fun Club Meeting. We'll gather in the Parish House at 10:30 a.m. Bring a sandwich for lunch. Soup and dessert will be served.

The program promises to be a "Super Treat." Our good friend, Dr. George Johnson, from Chapel Hill will share with us highlights of the recent trip he and his wife, Betty made to China. George spoke to our group several years ago after an exciting adventure in Italy, and his entertaining presentation was enjoyed by everyone. Unusual things are always happening to George and he has a delightful way of telling a story.

We hope you'll join us for a morning of fun and food and fellowship with friends. You'll be refreshed and better fitted to face the future. That's a promise!

Remember the date - Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30 a.m. We're saving a place for you.

Mary Kimball, President

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Circles meet on Monday and Tuesday, November 2nd and 3rd. As we continue to explore our theme for the year "Encountering God", we will discuss "Encountering God Through Suffering." Remember, there's always rain before the rainbow. Please bring your Thank Offering and also canned goods for the Food Closet.

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THANKS FROM THE EXCHANGE CLUB

The Brunswick Sale by the Elon Exchange Club on October 16 was so successful that we sold out that day. Thus we had no sale on Saturday. Our thanks to the church and community for their support.

The Exchange Club is now planning another sale in the near future. Watch for the signs and announcements.

Earl Parker, President

REV. ROBERT M. KIMBALL WAS HONORED AT THE EASTERN N.C. ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 14, 1987
WITH THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

Citation for Pastoral Service

United Church of Christ

The Rev. Robert M. Kimball

a minister of the United Church of Christ, ordained the *28th* day of *August* 19*37*,
having served long and faithfully in the labors of God's Kingdom, is awarded this citation on the occasion
of the *50th* anniversary of *his* ordination with the gratitude and the appreciation of
the United Church of Christ.

Presented this *14th* day of *October* 1987

Erwin E. Johnston
for the Conference

Reuben A. Shivers, Jr.
Executive Director, Office for Church Life and Leadership

Carol Joyce Bryant
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
Nov. 1	M/M Willard White	R. Harris/T. Loy	Liscum
8	M/M Dee Atkinson	Shannon Albertson	Shotzber
15	M/M Robin Woody	E. Woody/A. Rose	Shumar
22	M/M J. L. Dixon	J. Brown/ H. Troxler	Moncure
29	M/M George Noah	K. Brown/B. Harper	Shomaker

OCTOBER STATISTICS

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Single Pledge</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Bene- volences</u>	<u>Buildin Fund</u>
Oct. 4	130	\$ 456.50	\$1,839.16	\$ 521.00	\$ 17.50
11	139	477.50	916.82	102.00	38.50
18	128	311.00	870.44	239.00	52.50
25	<u>142</u>	<u>396.00</u>	<u>878.59</u>	<u>206.50</u>	<u>42.50</u>
Totals	539	\$1,641.00	\$4,505.01	\$1,068.50	\$151.00

	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Benevolences</u>
Annual Budget	\$93,893.00	\$11,965.00
Budget to date	78,244.20	9,970.00
Receipts to date	73,409.51	9,498.50

Challenge gifts for October:

Neighbors in Need	\$ 653.00
Cornerstone Campaign	170.00
Good Samaritan Fund	20.91

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November 22.

Normally this is regarded as Thanksgiving Sunday in the church calendar but it is also Bible Sunday, and this year we will pick up on the latter emphasis. The sermon by our pastor will be a kind of dialogue sermon, "Dear Bible/Dear Reader," and the scriptures are Deuteronomy 30:9-20, John 20:30-31, and Hebrews 4:12-13. Hymns will include "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff," and "O Word of God Incarnate."

November 25. Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.

This year the annual union service with the Elon College First Baptist Church will be held in our sanctuary. The Rev. Norman Harris, pastor of that church, will bring the evening message.

November 29. First Sunday in Advent.

The new liturgical year begins on this day. Dr. Irvine will preach on a prime theme of Advent, "Watchful Waiting," from Mark 13:32-37. Hymns will include "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," "Lord of all Hopefulness," and "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates."

COLLEGE DONATES REMAINDER OF BLOCK TO OUR CHURCH

A memorandum from President Fred Young of Elon College, addressed to our pastor, moderator, and the chairman of our Board of Trustees, was read to the congregation at the beginning of worship on November 8th. Dated November 5, it reads:

"It is with great pleasure that I convey to you the news that the Elon College Board of Trustees voted at its recent meeting to donate to the Elon College Community Church the property which formerly served as the location for three College fraternity houses. It is our feeling that the Church should logically own and control property that is so central to its location. A deed transferring the property to your ownership is currently being prepared and will be delivered as soon as it is completed."

"The Board makes this gift in recognition of the strong and positive relationship that has always existed between Elon College and the Elon College Community Church. This donation also expresses our sincere appreciation for the many ways in which the Church offers its support, facilities, and cooperation for the Religious Life Program of the College. Elon College has benefited enormously from its association with the Elon College Community Church, and it is hoped that this gift will be seen as a small token of our gratitude."

The deed will carry no restrictions. Not only does the property come to us, but it comes to us in very good shape. The College has constructed an attractive low rail fence around the street perimeter of the three lots to keep autos from being parked on the grass, has installed a new storm drain and re-landscaped the area on the south side of the driveway to our back parking lot, thereby reducing a hazard, and continued the fence along that road--and also paved the entrance to the parking lot, all at no cost to the church. Our church property now presents a very pleasing appearance to passersby. We are deeply grateful to the College for all these kindnesses. A letter of thanks will be sent to each of the Trustees individually.

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COLLEGE DONATES REMAINDER OF BLOCK TO OUR CHURCH - continued -

While we're talking about the College's gifts to the church this fall we should also mention the assistance given us in the matter of the new signs inside the building providing directions. Most of them were made and installed by the college's sign maker. The remainder of the signs, including exterior welcome signs for the two back doors, have been completed and installed. Visitors and newcomers to our building should now be able to find their way around more easily.

We regret that Fred Young was ill with a stubborn virus and could not be present to hear the grateful applause of the congregation when our pastor read his memorandum to the congregation. Fred, we pray for your quick and full recovery, and thank you deeply for all your kindnesses to the church.

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- 30 - 7:00 p.m. Ceramics



KINDLING THOUGHTS

Watching bemusedly from the outside as the Southern Baptists go through their dark days of struggle, one reflects on the larger issue of split Protestantism, and the struggles over the nature of religious faith which, I believe, reflect struggles between differing personality types as well as how truth is perceived. This whole field has always fascinated me. A fresh contribution to it has been made by Harry S. Stout, historian at Yale University. I have not seen the article in which he reflects on these things, but I have seen a brief summary by Martin Marty, with enough excerpts to pique my interest.

Stout's thesis is that liberals and evangelicals in American Protestantism are, willy-nilly, partners in a kind of great dance, "a complex waltz characterized by constantly shifting leads. Where one initiates innovation and emerges for a time the 'winner', the other is sure to follow in suitably personalized ways that will allow the dance to continue."

The innovations of liberal Protestants in the 1950s were resisted at the time by evangelicals. Remember how conservative Christians screamed in horror at the appearance of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible? They were doing their best in the early fifties to undermine confidence in it. I still have some clippings from that era in my files and they're rather quaint reading now in light of the enormous explosion of Bible translations from the evangelical camp, including free paraphrases; the NIV or New International Version sells amazingly well. In the fifties the idea of "Christian jazz" was appalling to conservatives; now it is not the liberals who are producing "Christian rock"--there is an abundance of it, however, coming from the evangelical side of the faith. Stout indicates the same kind of thing has happened in the fields of the fine arts, sacred dance, parachurch activities, and Christian psychiatric counseling. Originally dubbed too secularistic for the church, these have been taken up by the evangelicals, who are currently seen to be "sinners" in the competition for members in our society.

Liberals were chided by conservatives for their social activism. Now it is the evangelicals who are making their political pitches. Stout: "As long as evangelicalism wore its 'fundamentalist' guise of an embattled minority alienated from a secular American society, political commentary was left to the liberals. However, with the resurgence of the evangelical 'moral majority,' commentary on pressing political issues suddenly became mandatory and defended on the ground that 'we weren't doing anything the liberals haven't done for a generation.'"

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KINDLING THOUGHTS - continued -

Stout suggests liberals are in a stage of recovering some evangelical modes, such as preaching and pastoral seriousness. But the resurgence of evangelicalism in these times, according to him, is based on innovations pioneered by liberals a generation ago. Maybe mainline religion will find some way to build on evangelical success of today in the continuation of the great dance.

Stout says "American denominationalism is, in brief, Protestants' way of pretending they are different. By emphasizing the differences and pretending there is no alliance, liberals and evangelicals have the competition that is necessary to spur their own efforts on and impart a strong sense of local commitment...by serving as allied 'enemies' liberals and evangelicals alike insure the other's survival."

Summarizing and quoting further from Stout, Martin Marty (who will be speaking at Elon College during its bicentennial celebration) writes:

"Denominationalism constitutes America's 'great safety valve and unifying device.' Instead of promoting violent confrontation, denominations provide the opposite: 'a ground for peaceable cohabitation amidst great debate.'" (One only has to think of how Sunni and Shiite variations of Islam help fuel shooting wars to appreciate this insight.) "Under the shouting words lies an 'unacknowledged hybrid Protestantism in which each borrows freely (if secretly) from the other in sincere attempts to satisfy the complete temporal and eternal demands of a gospel that neither side can fully accomplish alone.' Neither side can fully acknowledge or concede this, but they 'desperately depend on one another in a secular age where each of their existences is threatened, not by the other, but by the absence of another vital--but safe--competitor.'"

Maybe God created us so exasperatingly different in order to teach us that we really need one another!

JMI

MIRACLE THE MAGICIAN PERFORMS SUNDAY NIGHT

On the evening of November 15th, at 6:30 in the Parish House, we will have a "pot-luck dessert" and a performance by the Rev. Darryl Peebles, pastor of Providence United Church of Christ in Graham, a man of many talents whose stage name is "Miracle the Magician." Darryl is an artist, javelin thrower, mime, juggler, magician, singer, story teller, dulcimer and guitar player, as well as a UCC pastor. A number of these talents will be called on as he performs for us in the lead-up to the announcement of how our two financial campaigns--the Cornerstone Campaign and the Pony Express--made out. It will be a celebrative evening, so bring a dessert and all the family and enjoy the program!

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Bill Andes and Bertie Fields, recuperating after minor surgery.

Fred Young, ill with a particularly stubborn virus.

Ken Clem, who suffered a serious stroke on November 6th and is in Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

Richard Daniel, whose surgery to repair a vascular problem in his leg is going to be more complicated than first thought, and has been postponed to January.

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Don't forget your deposit for the ski retreat on January 14-15 is due Monday, November 16. The deposit is \$10.00 (\$5.00 for lodging and \$5.00 for ski reservations).

Friday, November 20 - 9:00 p.m. -
LOCK-IN in the Parish House. The theme
will be "Learning About Other Religions."

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HOSPICE SUNDAY November 15, 1987

Hospice Sunday is being celebrated in Alamance County on November 15, 1987. Hospice of Alamance County, a home health agency providing care for terminally ill persons and their families, is celebrating its fifth anniversary this month. Hospice has cared for 400 patients and families since November 1982. You can help us to continue to grow and serve by becoming a Hospice volunteer. Volunteers are desperately needed for patient care, family support and assistance, bereavement support, and office work. Training is provided free of charge. If you are a committed, concerned person looking for a ministry in the community, please call 229-2691 for additional information.

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

December 20. Fourth Sunday in Advent.

The sermon by our pastor will be entitled "The House of Christmas"; scriptures are II Samuel 7:8-16 and Luke 1:26-38. Carols to be sung will include "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "As With Gladness Men of Old," and "Joy to the World! the Lord is Come."

December 24. Christmas Eve, 7:00 p.m.

As in years past, Dr. Irvine will give a story sermon at this service which features carols and candles. We will sing "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Good Christian Men, Rejoice," "Away in a Manger," and "Silent Night."

December 27.

The sermon will be on "The Senior Generation Meets the Infant Christ" from Luke 2:22-40. Hymns will include "The First Nowell," "We Three Kings," and "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past."

January 3rd.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Dr. Irvine's meditation will be on "The Timeless and the Timely" from Daniel 7:13-14, Revelation 1:4-8, and John 18:33-37. Hymns to be sung include "Ancient of Days," "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand," and "O Master Workman of the Race." New deacons will be ordained.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday evening, December 20th, all those wishing to go caroling will meet in the south parking lot of the church at six p.m. One group will go on foot to carol for people living within walking range; another group

will go by car to visit people farther away. At 7:30 everyone is invited to gather at the parsonage for refreshments and fellowship.

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CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN ON OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our thanks to those who stamped the words, "Cornerstone Campaign," on our 1988 church offering envelopes. More than 200 boxes with 52 envelopes in each box were stamped. The "stamper" were: Vera Dixon, Mary Shaw Cunningham, Bertie Fields, Sybil White, Page Edgerton, Jackie Pendergrass, Reggie McLelland, Carey Andes, and Roberta Starr.

During the next three years, our members can give each Sunday to the "Cornerstone Campaign" and thus help the Southern Conference start new churches and provide scholarships to seminary ministerial students. When you place your gift in the offering envelope, be sure to indicate what the offering is for by writing in the amount on the line for which the gift is intended. The last line is for the "Cornerstone Campaign."

Our thanks to those who pledged to this campaign for 1988. If you did not pledge, your gifts would be greatly appreciated. Our goal is \$15,000, payable over three years.

W. J. Andes
Board of Missions

JANUARY MEETINGS

Moderator Wally Snyder has set Tuesday evening, January 5th, in the Parish House at 7 p.m. as the time for a special joint meeting of the Church Council, the Budget Committee, and the Christian Education Board, plus any other interested members, to review and make suggestions concerning the 1988 Budget, the matter having been referred to the Council at the December 6th meeting of the Congregation.

A special congregational meeting is called for Sunday evening, January 10th, at 7 p.m. in the Parish House to vote on the Budget.

The Annual Meeting, at which reports are made, will be held Sunday evening, January 24th, at 7 p.m. in the Parish House. Everyone who needs to make reports to be printed in the Annual Report should have them in the church office by Monday, January 4th.

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CALENDAR FOR REMAINDER OF DECEMBER

- 20 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Caroling
- 22 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 24 - 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- 27 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service



The Church Staff joins in wishing every
Torch reader a delight-filled holiday
season. May God's peace rest upon you
and your home.

Roberta Starr

John M. Irvine
Kathleen Daniel

Beth Lasswell

Stephen Jan Eyck

KINDLING THOUGHTS

What a jolt a small transposition of a letter or two can give! The New Yorker, that repository of choice typos, quoted a church bulletin as saying:

God rest you merry, gentle ones,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Santa's power
When we were gone astray...

Santa may not be Satan, but it's worth thinking about this power Santa has over us. It's safe to say that for the majority of people in this country, the "jolly old elf" with the rotund belly has eclipsed the Babe in the manger as the centerpiece of Christmas. He certainly seems the more powerful figure of the two. How did that transposition come about?

There's a saying: "When you see something you do not understand look for the financial interest."

Several years ago the death of the inventor of the shopping cart was noted on National Public Radio. The announcer went on to say that this had been called the single greatest invention in the history of merchandising. Why? Because it made possible the vastly expanded modern supermarket with its huge array of choices and wide aisles. It liberated people from thinking small when they went to shop, because they could only carry so much in their personal bags or baskets.

Santa Claus must be the second single greatest invention in the history of merchandising, then. He liberates us from thinking small when it comes to spending our money. He's an expansive chap (try imagining a gaunt, or even a flat-tummied, Santa)...expensive, too. Merchandisers could not have pulled off a binge like the Christmas shopping season using a baby as a symbol. A baby leads us to think small, little, even tiny. Even thinking big thoughts about a baby's future leads to discipline, saving, planning. But there's something faintly undisciplined in that which shakes like a bowl full of jelly. Santa is the perfect symbol for a kindly, innocuous power flow outward into expansiveness, impulse buying.

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KINDLING THOUGHTS - continued -

The Christ Child is a contrary symbol. In his presence power flows inward toward disciplined living and giving. In the case of both Santa and the infant Christ, the need to give is satisfied. But the net effects are not the same. Santa's power flows to sentimentality, which is ultimately weak. Christ's power flows toward abundant life, still more power, resurrection. (Sentimentality is perhaps one of the greatest temptations Satan places in our path at Christmastime--to reduce the Christ Child to sheer sentiment.)

The issue of stewardship is not ended when the pledge campaign of November is ended. It meets a serious stress test the very next month. Whom does our money flow serve in December? "To save us all from Santa's power / When we were gone astray..." Large issues can inhere in small transpositions.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Leroy Hughes in Memorial Hospital, Burlington, recovering from surgery.

Ken Clem, home from Moses Cone Hospital, recuperating from a stroke.

Bessie Sloan in Twin Lakes.

Birdie Scott, home from a stay at Durham County Hospital.

CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING

On December 20 (also the 27th), the annual Christmas Fund Offering for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund will be received at the Elon College Community Church. This all-church offering affords us the opportunity to express our special gratitude to the retired pastors and laity, the "blessed...servants," who have dedicated their lives to the services of the church.

Each year, the Christmas Fund provides gift checks to retired pastors and/or their spouses whose special needs have been designated by their conference ministers.

The Christmas Fund also supports retired and active pastors and/or their spouses when emergencies place them in special need of assistance beyond their own resources.

In addition, the Christmas Fund provides grants to retired pastors whose pension incomes fall below a minimum established by General Synod.

Finally, our gifts to the Christmas Fund are used to supplement health insurance premiums of retired clergy and laity who qualify.

Across the United States, at this season, the United Church of Christ remembers some of our "blessed...servants" with gifts to the Christmas Fund. Let us all share in the joy of giving to these "blessed...servants."

Ellie Ketcham
Board of Missions

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THE JESSE TREE

If you didn't have the chance to join us last Sunday night be sure to stop in the narthex to see our beautiful Jesse tree. The ornaments were created at the Christmas family night program. The tree represents the family tree of the family of God. Explanations of each of the ornaments can be found in the green programs that will be left by the tree. Thank you to all, young and old, who helped to create our Jesse Tree.

THE SALVATION ARMY

For more than a century, The Salvation Army has worked to expand God's kingdom by reaching out to those in need. It was the belief of its founder, William Booth, that "you can't preach to someone with an empty stomach."

That is why The Salvation Army's special ministry at Christmas touches millions of lives each year. What better way is there to bring the joyous message of Christ's birth to those in need than to share what we have.

Each year, The Salvation Army provides holiday meals to the homeless, the elderly and others who are alone. Baskets of food and toys are given to needy families. Those confined to hospitals and institutions are visited and offered a small gift and words of comfort.

As all Christians unite this yuletide season to rejoice in the birth of our Lord, let us remember our less fortunate neighbors and lend our support and prayers to The Salvation Army.

Volunteers are needed to help The Salvation Army with its annual Christmas assistance drive for the lonely and needy. Please contact Lt. W. Edward Hobgood at 227-5529 if you would like to help. Children, families or individuals in special need this Christmas, can be assisted through special holiday programs. If you know of a person in need, you can contact The Salvation Army directly. Call 227-5529.

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OUR THANKS to the Tan and Toil Garden Club for the lovely Christmas Wreath on the Parish House door.

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January 10th.

The Rev. Beth Lyon will be preaching; at press time she is away on vacation and details of the service are not available.

January 17th.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "Embarrassed Disciples" from John 1:35-42. Hymns for the day are "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven," "I Love to Tell the Story," and "Faith of Our Fathers."

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IRONING OUT BUDGET PROBLEMS

The Moderator has asked that the Christian Education Board and Budget Committee, together with any other interested person, join the Church Council at 7:00 on Tuesday, January 5th in the Parish House to discuss revisions on the budget which was referred back to the Council at the last meeting of the Congregation in early December.

The Congregation is called to a special meeting to deal with the 1988 Budget at 7:00 on Sunday, January 10th. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation, when reports are made, will be on Sunday, January 24th, at 7:00. Both these meetings will be held in the Parish House.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 - J. C. Dollar
Elizabeth Parker | 18 - Don Dill |
| 3 - Dorothy Clem
Janet Mayse | 20 - Jessie I. Hook
Eleanore Kittenger
Jennifer Poole |
| 4 - Betty Reynolds | 21 - J. Mark McAdams
Susan Barbee |
| 6 - Hilda Oxford
John Truitt, Jr. | 22 - Bert Barbee |
| 8 - Audrey Shumar
E. W. Brafford | 25 - Jennifer Timblin |
| 11 - Danny Law
Brian Rose | 26 - Page Edgerton |
| 13 - Verona Danieleley | 28 - Jerry Gammon
Fred T. Watts, Jr. |
| 14 - John C. Baxter | 29 - Jamie E. Brown |
| 15 - Richard Daniel | 30 - Leroy S. Hughes
Clara E. Noah |
| 16 - Bonnie Kirk
Shirley Alexander | 31 - Jim Underhill |

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REMINDER - Everyone who needs to make reports to be printed in the Annual Report should have them in the church office by Monday, January 4th.

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Richard Daniel and his wife, Eva wishes to thank the congregation for the many kindnesses shown them over the Holiday Season.

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BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

September 1, 1987 - December 30, 1987

Mrs. Dewey T. Holt
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Alexander
Elon Ace High Bridge Club
Mrs. Dorothy Hunter Walker

Mr. Kenneth Edgerton
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford

Mr. Lloyd G. Huffines
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe

Mrs. Lula Harris Cox
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

Mrs. Allene P. Rich
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford

Dr. T. E. Powell, Jr.
Mrs. Estelle L. Perry
Elon College Book Club
Mrs. Lois M. Bost
Miss Melva Foster

Mrs. Iva Watkins
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford

Mr. Archie I. Braxton, Jr.
Mrs. Estelle L. Perry
Mrs. Lois M. Bost
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Hughes

Mrs. W. A. Holt, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Clem
Mr. and Mrs. William Pendergrass

Miss Nannie D. Reitzel
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth N. May

Honor

Mrs. Lois M. Bost
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth N. May

Lois M. Bost, Building Fund
Treasurer, December 30, 1987

OTHER MEMORIALS

Mrs. Allene P. Rich - Habitat for Humanity
Mrs. L. D. Martin

Mrs. Rhoda McCraw - Good Samaritan Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Chip McCraw

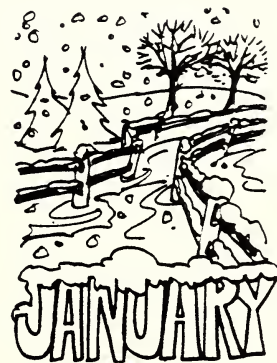
Dr. T. E. Powell, Jr. - Elon College
Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieleley

Sunday School Snacks

Mrs. Dewey T. Holt
Mrs. Allene P. Rich
Mrs. Iva Watkins
Mrs. W. A. Holt, Sr.
by Mr. and Mrs. Mack Lackey

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 3 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
- 4 - 10:30 a.m. Circles 1 & 2
7:30 p.m. Circle 3
- 5 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Church Council, Christian Education, Budget Committee
7:30 p.m. Circle #4
- 6 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 10 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- 12 - 10:30 a.m. Fun Club
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 13 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 17 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Board of Missions
- 19 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 20 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- 24 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
- 26 - 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 27 - 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir



ALFRED WESLEY HURST

P. O. Box 366

ELON COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA 27244

December 21, 1987

Elon College Community Church
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Dear Christian friends,

Many Christmas Carols fill the air during this special season, and we heard some of the sweetest and most joyful Sunday evening about seven o'clock when several children and young people announced their presence with their cheerful singing.

When we invited them in, they entered carrying a beautiful basket of fruit. We offered to open it and pass it around, but they said, "No, that is for you." Closer examination brought to light a greeting addressed to "Ruth and Al Hurst" from "Elon College Community Church." The Greeting carried a picture of an angel. Now we know who angels are. They hadn't sprouted wings yet as far as we could tell, but they sang like angels, and they brought glad tidings.

Thank you one and all for sending such lovable messengers, and for this generous and delicious gift. Have a joyful Christmas, and come see us in the New Year.

Gratefully,

Ruth and Alfred
Ruth and Alfred Hurst

CONGRATULATIONS TO BILLY BEYER on attaining his Eagle award as a Boy Scout! He was recognized in a brief ceremony at worship on December 6th, and at a Court of Honor on December 14th at Macedonia Lutheran Church, sponsor of Billy's Troop #39.

If you have never looked at the art work - Biblical scenes - painted in several of our church school classrooms by Billy and his work crew as his special project for the award, you have missed a treat. Next time you are downstairs take a peek.

Contratulations are also in order to Billy's parents, Bill and Shirley Beyer, who were behind their son 100% all the way.

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NEW ADDRESSES FOR TWO OF OUR MEMBERS:

Dr. and Mrs. James Moncure
Box 750 Seven Lakes
West End, N.C. 27376-0750

Dr. and Mrs. James Overton
1802 Brantley Street
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27103-3710

THANKS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING

As one retired minister, not eligible for benefits from The Christmas Fund Offering, but speaking for many retired ministers or their spouses we thank you for the Christmas Fund Offering of \$451.00 received this Christmas season. Many of these retired ministers received very low incomes decades ago and many have experienced severe illness or faced financial difficulties. Many have little or no income other than small Social Security checks.

The Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ administers the Christmas Fund throughout the year to help these ministers and/or their spouses meet emergency needs and to provide a small pension.

- W. J. Andes

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BOARD OF MISSIONS TO MEET

Sunday evening, January 17, 1988, is the date. The time is 7 p.m. The place of meeting is the home of Bill and Carey Andes, 207 Atkinson Avenue, Elon College.

Who is to meet? All members of the 1987 Board of Missions plus the four new members elected in December to the 1988 Board of Missions. The four new members are: E. W. Brafford, Lorene Lyon, Chip McCraw and Patricia Woody.

What will we do? Get Acquainted! Get acquainted with each other ...with the work to be done...and with the joy that comes from serving on a Board of the Church that reaches to the ends of the earth and is under the command of the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ, "to go and make disciples of all the nations." This the Elon College Community Church must do, or cease to exist!

- W. J. Andes

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
Jan. 3	M/M E. W. Brafford	J. Brown/H. Troxler	McLelland
10	M/M Howard Edgerton	K. Brown/B. Harper	Dunn
17	Mrs. Howard Richardson	R. Woody/S. Dollar	Cunningham
	Mrs. Jack Hayward		
24	M/M Jim Lyon	R. Harris/T. Loy	Huey
31	M/M Walter Boyd	E. Woody/A. Rose	Atkinson

DECEMBER STATISTICS

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Single Pledge</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Bene- volences</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Dec. 6	154	\$ 498.50	\$2,003.10	\$ 384.00	\$ 29.50
13	147	208.50	900.97	144.00	39.50
20	133	638.50	1,055.34	248.00	76.50
24	72	20.00	181.75	10.00	--
27	<u>89</u>	<u>79.50</u>	<u>826.05</u>	<u>151.50</u>	<u>22.50</u>
Totals	595	\$1,445.00	\$4,967.21	\$ 937.50	\$168.00

	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Benevolences</u>
Annual Budget	\$93,893.00	\$11,965.00
Budget to date	93,893.00	11,965.00
Receipts to date	89,468.66	11,708.50

Challenge gifts for December:

Habitat for Humanity	\$20.00
Cornerstone Campaign	57.00
Elon College	100.00
Good Samaritan Fund	175.00
Veterans of the Cross	451.00

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